

THE INDIANA ROOM OF THE FAIRBANKS LIBRARY

By

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After several years of planning, the Indiana Room of the Fairbanks Library officially opened in November 1955, during National Book Week. The Room is located in the northeast corner of the basement. It is a very attractive room, with fluorescent lighting, green and white patterned tile floor, blond birch furniture and shelving, and gray metal fireproof cabinets and files.

The collections are made up of books and pamphlets on "Genealogy", "Local History", "Indiana" and "Americana". The map file contains rare maps, geological maps of Indiana and genealogical charts. These are filed in special sections of large map drawers. The steel and locked pamphlet files contain rare material. The drawers are given to folders of "Family History" donated by interested friends. All are typed. In other drawers are filed pamphlets pertaining to Terre Haute, Vigo County and Indiana.

The very rare books of Americana are shelved in the first locked case with glass doors. The second case has books of genealogy, diaries, cemetery records and other local history. These books were made possible under the direction of Miss Florence Crawford, former Librarian, who planned work for W.P.A. typists and workers. A number of these books are gifts from interested patrons. A complete set of Terre Haute City directories is in the third locked case. Duplicates are on the open shelf.

The earliest patron of Americana was Mr. Harry Montagnier. While residing in France and Switzerland, he began sending rare books to the Fairbanks Library, which was a gift to the city from his uncle, Mr. Crawford Fairbanks. The collections of Americana has grown and is now found in the first four sections of shelving. All are marked "Americana", and according to classification number.

In the third alcove, books on "Indiana" have been placed. Many of these are duplicates of circulating books kept upstairs. A section is devoted to city directories.

In the last section, the books on "Genealogy" will be found. These were moved to the Indiana Room in December 1954. From the beginning, this collection has grown and now includes many rare and excellent books on local and state history. The collection contains biographies, reprints of the "Heads of Families of the United States in 1790", and many county histories, genealogies, "The Compendium of American Genealogy". The "Virginia Historical Index", in two volumes, was the gift of twenty seven members of the D.A.R.

Magazines in the Room are all identified with historical and genealogical fields. Several are received as gift subscriptions from interested organizations.

At the present time a staff member is on duty on Mondays and Thursdays. On other days the key for the Room may be obtained from the Reference Librarian. Most of the books are reference works.

Through a special bequest of \$2,000.00 from M. William Ross Teel, a former resident, the Americana collection is acquiring new and outstanding titles as published.

Mrs. Mabel Puffer Martin willed \$1,000.00 to the Library to purchase books for the Genealogy section.

In 1954, Miss Caroline Dunn, Secretary of the William Henry Smith Library of Indianapolis, and Mr. Hubert Hawkins, Executive Secretary of the Indiana Historical Society, visited the Room and complimented the Staff on the excellent collection of books as well as the attractive appearance of the Indiana Room.

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Community Affairs File

Libraries (T.H.)

NOTE ONE: Jan. 2 1838 Comm. Rec. 3 P. 28

The Trustees of the Vigo County Library were allowed the southeast upper room in the court house, to be used for the county library.

NOTE TWO: Dec. 17, 1816 The General Assembly passed an act relating to County Libraries, with the constitutional provisions for the necessary funds and another (?) setting up the method of establishing County Libraries.

Whenever a sufficient number of inhabitants of a new county desired to organize a library, they, 20 days after due notice posted one in each township and one at the seat of justice, met at the court house to elect a President and seven Trustees. 20 days notice, at least one manuscript adv. in each twp, one of them at the Court House, Assemble at C.H., Chosse a chairman, and Secy. Proceed to elect Pres. & 7 trustees to serve for 3 years after the 1st Mon. in Sept. and until succeeded thereafter ; their successors, pres. & trustees to be elected annually on the 1st Mon. in Sept.

Pres. and Treas. shall elect by ballott a librarian & Treas.

The Co. Agent shall on order of Pres. & Clerk pay the Treas. all monies due the library and on failure sue for judgment. Pres.

& Tr. authorized to demand all money and lay it out for books, maps and c as they see fit. Provided shall nto hold more then \$1000 in Treas and personal property, books excepted. (Act approved, Jan. 28, 1824.)

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VIGO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

INDIANA LIBRARIES

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Free Libraries in Indiana preceded Free Schools by almost Fifty Years.

The pioneer was the original isolationist. With his gun and his axe he crossed the Ohio to carve out his fortune in the primeval forests of Indiana.

Whether he came up the White River Valley to Brookville or from the Falls of the Ohio to Vincennes, he was on his own. His food, his fuel, his clothing, his shelter, his every need came from nature through his muscle and skill.

There was one unfilled need, his reading matter. Many, it is true, could not read, but there was still the desire for outside information obtainable through the use of the printed page.

So it came about that the first Constitution of the new State of Indiana provided for a free public library in each new county, the funds to be provided by setting aside ten percent of the proceeds from the sale of lots in any new town created as the seat of justice in such county.

In the event that a town already established should be chosen for the county seat, ten percent of the donations made to induce the selection and ten percent of the proceeds from the sale of any lots in the town or lands adjacent given as an inducement to such selection were to be set aside for a County Library Fund.

In obedience to this provision of the Constitution, the legislature passed an act in its earliest session following the requirement of the Constitution.

(Note 2.)

Vigo County was set off from Sullivan and Terre Haute was selected as the County seat in consideration of a donation of \$1000 in cash, \$3773. in bonds securing the unpaid portion of the lots sold previously by the proprietors of the town and seventy-eight lots in the town. The Public Square was also donated to the County but as this was not valued or for sale it was not concerned with the Library Fund.

In many cases the county found it necessary to enforce collection of the bonds by suit and judgement, so that the actual receipts may have been less than the face of the bonds but from the sale of the lots and the cash donation there was a very considerable fund realized of which ten percent should have gone into the Library Fund. However the Records of the Vigo County Commissioners do not show any amount contributed to the Fund.

Not until 1836 when Samuel Crawford was chosen to succeed Wm. C. Linton, deceased, is there any mention of a County Library.

Note One

But in the first issue of the Western Register, the first newspaper published in Terre Haute, under date of July 21, 1823, is a notice by John Britton, Librarian informing the "Citizens of Vigo County" that the Public Library was open for their perusal from 10 to 12 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. each day except Sunday, at his office.

Aug. 20, the notice slightly changed so that it read "at the office of the Librarian" and adding that "all those that gave bond previous to the third of April, 1823" might cancel them and become subscribers by entering into a new bond for 25 dollars." This is signed "Geo. W. Deweese, President," and "John Britton, Librarian." Here we have evidence that the County Library was in existence before April 3, 1823.

Announcement was made in the Register Jan. 14, 1824 that about 200 volumes had just been received by the "Public Library of the County of Vigo," which with the former stock makes a collection of "upwards of 700 volumes."

Aug. 14, 1824, the Register has a notice of an election of President and Trustees of the Vigo County Library on the first Monday in September, and on that day, Sept. 6, William C. Linton was chosen President and James Farrington, Curtis Gilbert, William Clark, Nathaniel Cunningham, D. H. Johnston, G. F. Durkee, and George Hussey, Trustees. In a notice to the Public in the Register of Sept. 14, the announcement was made and the Trustees were asked to meet at the house of Israel Harris, (the Eagle and the Lion) on the first Monday in November at 11 a.m., signed by John Britton, Librarian, "By order of the President.

A Postscript announced that the Library would be open thereafter on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 to 12 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. Wm. H. Wiley, long time Superintendent of the Terre Haute Schools, in a manuscript story of the origin of the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library fixes this date as the organization of the Vigo County Library, but as we have seen, it was in existence in July 1823 and there is evicence of its existence previous to April, 1823. The final note, so far as the County records go, is contained in an order of the County Commissioners dated March 12, 1866. Record No. 7, Page 311, "Ordered that the Young Men's Literary Association of the City of Terre Haute be and they are hereby made the Custodians of the County Library, subject to the order of the Board of Commissioners of Vigo County and that an inventory or catalogue of said Library be taken and kept by the Auditor of said County."

Who the Association was, where it kept the Library and what became of it or the catalogue, the Auditor was ordered to keep, is not known, or any further knowledge of the Library available.

The next venture in the way of Public Libraries was due to William Maclure, who had been a member of Robert Owen's experiment in community life at New Harmony. There, one of the first semi-private libraries in Indiana, carried on from 1825 to 1840.

While it belonged to the community it was always at the free disposal of the public and in 1838 Maclure formed the "Workingmen's Institute and Library." From Maclure and his associates came the foundation of many libraries in cities throughout the State and while these have disappeared and their contents scattered to the four winds, the effect of the Maclure libraries was beneficial. The well known book plate pops into view occasionally in the most unexpected places, modern libraries, old book stores and ancient attics.

By 1852, when the law providing for Township Libraries became effective, public sentiment had approved a project to be supported by taxation. The act provided for a tax of one mill on each dollar of property taxable for state purposes and 25 cents on each person, liable for a poll tax for State purposes.

This levy to be for two years only. This revenue was to be used for the purchase of township libraries exclusively under the direction of the State Board of Education, provided that no sectarian work would be admitted to such library.

The Board was to distribute these libraries on the basis of ten to each county having a population over 15,000, eight to counties with from 10,000 to 15,000 and six to each county with populations less than 10,000.

These libraries were to be in charge of the Township Trustees, the property of the township and in no way subject to sale or alienation and the location of the library was to be fixed by popular vote.

The use of the library was to be permitted to all the families of the township regardless of school attendance and it was to be open the entire year regardless of school sessions. The Board of Trustees was to elect one of their number annually as Librarian.

In many ways this was an excellent provision for a public library.

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It was a township affair--the librarian, the location and the building and shelving was the business of the township with no outside interference.

The distribution according to the population was found to be unfair. Meant to be equitable as to the county population, it was unfair to the townships individually. In only seven counties was the number of libraries and townships equal. The counties had more libraries than townships and eight had more libraries than townships, towns, cities and school corporations. Seventy counties averaged less than one library to the township. In the State 690 libraries went to 938 townships.

Towns and cities were usually ignored except when they might best serve the township.

The first distribution included 221,490 volumes, an average of 321 volumes to the library.

The selection gave no consideration to the younger scholars. About 30 % of a collection was intended for children, the balance for the adult and the adolescent.

About 9000 volumes pertained to agriculture, History was well represented with standard works and so was Biography and a fair amount of good works on Travel.

The change in the basis of distribution from population to school enumeration equalized to a great extent the unfairness of the original system and removed the inequalities.

A revision of the act in 1855 and the tax restored for another year after a lapse of one year gave more money to enable further expansion.

Despite the local features of the Township Library it was still a State institution, governed by a uniform State law. Its ownership was not optional with the township.

The books were bought by a State official with money derived from a State tax and the selection of the books and their distribution was uniform. The duties of the Trustee or Librarian were fixed by the State and periodical reports required to the State.

Uniform administration promised permanence. Local wealth or poverty had no bearing on its foundation or its maintenance and local ignorance, hostility or political prejudice could not influence it harmfully.

The two year assessment produced \$186,327 and the second, \$90,000 over a quarter of a million dollars altogether 25% of which went to the actual purchase of books.

The actual use of these books was surprisingly low. Reports to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction give little detail, but such as is given is illuminating. In 1854 Vigo County had the township libraries but the number of volumes and circulation is not given. Two years later six townships report 1953 volumes, a circulation of 2073 and 870 volumes added during the year. The next year only the number of volumes 2093, is given for the six townships and in 1859 they had 2531 volumes.

Not until 1865 is any detail given again, when twelve townships and the City of Terre Haute report 4370 volumes with a circulation of only 571, which does not indicate a very high appreciation of the privileges.

In 1868 the volumes had dropped to 3974, the circulation grown to 1955 and 20 new volumes added.

In 1870 the volumes had again decreased to 3788, the circulation to 1119 while 34 new books had been added.

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In detail, the various townships show an even worse use of the libraries. For instance in 1870, Harrison township with 551 volumes, used 250 of them while Sugar Creek with 442 books, used only 35. It seems almost incredible that library facilities could be so little valued.

For the state the figure stood at 276,799 volumes and 99,170 circulation. Ten years later the township libraries in Vigo County had but 1670 volumes and the circulation had fallen to 116.

At this point a new library system entered the picture.

The Terre Haute Library Association, a subscription library and stock company attempted to work along the two lines but with little success at the start. Stock holders paid \$4 per share and it was expected that the City Council would take a controlling interest and provide the greater part of the funds to purchase the books. In this the Association was sadly disappointed. The Council postponed action, tabled the motions, shelved the move until a fuller attendance of its numbers would be present, and finally put it off until after another election.

In desperation the active members fell back on the women of the community, who by a large majority controlled the later movement, subscribed \$2 each for a year's use of the facilities.

April 2, 1880 the Daily Express announced that "The new library at 624½ Main street, is an organization independent of the Library Association or the Y.M.C.A.

Over 500 volumes of standard works are available for \$2 a year.

For several days additional subscribers names were published. This library was, of course, not a part of the County, Township or School system and reports of its accessions and circulation do not appear until it was taken over by the Board of Trustees of the Public Schools in 1883.

The last report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the township libraries only, was for 1882 when there were 3661 volumes of which but 70 were used. There were 1570 volumes added, which would seem to have been those of the Public Library.

In 1883, 4125 volumes showed a circulation of 12,598 and an addition of 1065 volumes. The following year, 1884, the catalog showed 5958 volumes and a circulation of 37,156.

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Fairbanks Library Presented to City
Sixty Years Ago

Community Affairs File

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The recent discussion among the members of the board of school trustees as to whether or not they should relinquish control of the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial library, brought up the question as to how the library had been originally established. Some members of the board had been in favor of divesting the board of its functions as a library board and have it controlled by a civil library board. However, at a recent meeting the board **voted three** to two to retain its control of the library, with the understanding a head librarian would be obtained as soon as possible.

The library was offered to the city of Terre Haute in a letter to Mayor Henry G. Steeg and the city council at a meeting of the council on Feb. 3, 1903. The signer of the letter, Crawford Fairbanks, stated he would donate a "public library building complete" on certain conditions. These conditions included that the city should furnish a suitable site for the building, and the city should obligate itself to maintain the building. The building should perpetually be known as the "Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library," the offer should be accepted within 30 days, and actual construction should begin not later than July 1, 1903.

The building was to cost \$50,000, and all plans, specifications and construction was to be subject to the approval of a committee to be appointed by Mayor Steeg, who would be an ex-officio member. An ordinance had been prepared in advance containing all of the specifications mentioned in the Fairbanks' letter, and by suspending the rules the council passed it at this same meeting. There was one vote opposing the ordinance.

Library Committee Appointed

The city council held a special meeting on Feb. 6, 1903, at which time the mayor announced Colonel W. H. Fairbanks, Captain A. C. Ford, and Spencer F. Ball as

the committee requested by Fairbanks. Also at this meeting a communication was read from Demas Deming which would "give and convey to the city of Terre Haute the 95 feet of ground owned by me, fronting on Ohio Street, immediately west of the new Congregational Church Building and extending back to the alley, on the sole condition that the same shall be used as the permanent site for the proposed public library building tendered the city by Mr. Fairbanks, and that this tender shall be accepted within 60 days from this date."

The council asked the mayor to appoint another committee to meet with the building committee to consider the Deming proposition. At a regular council meeting held April 7, 1903, Deming extended the time for the council to accept his offer until July 1.

But at this meeting the building committee recommended two sites for the new library. The first was at the southwest corner of Seventh and Ohio and known as the Van Wyck property, the price being \$21,000. The second site was at Seventh and Eagle, having a frontage of 142 feet on Seventh, and 95 feet on Eagle and priced at \$10,000. The matter was referred to the library committee and it was given power to act on the purchase of a property.

Purchase Seventh and Eagle Property

The library committee reported the purchase of the Seventh and Eagle property at the regular council meeting held May 5, 1903. The committee also reported that the board of school trustees had agreed to deed its library property located on North Eighth to the city when the new library was opened.

Action of the city council on July 7, 1903, authorized the mayor and comptroller to borrow \$10,000 for one year on a promissory note to purchase the site for the library at Seventh and Eagle. There was no further action regarding the library until Dec. 1, 1903, when the mayor requested and the council passed an appropriation ordinance to buy "10 additional feet adjoining the lot upon which the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial library will be built." As a sidelight was a resolution passed by the city council

at its meeting of June 2, 1903--"Resolved, That it is the sense of the common council now in session that the large oil painting of Fort Harrison now hanging in the council chamber be and the same is hereby donated to the school trustees of the city of Terre Haute; it being specifically understood and ordered hereby that said oil painting be place in the new public library as soon as said building is prepared to receive the same."

School City Receives Custody

The possession and custody of the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial library came under the board of school trustees by special ordinance of the city council in July, 1906. Apparently the school city had asked to take over control of the library and offered to maintain it as long as the building stood. The ordinance authorized the civil city to enter into a written agreement with the existing board of school trustees.

This agreement evidenced the obligation of the shcool city to maintain the Fairbanks library as a public library, and also that the civil city would not interfere with the possession, custody, and operation of the library as long as it was maintained by the school city. The agreement also carried some provisions relative to the amount of insurance which would be carried by the school city for the benefit of the civil city on the library building.

An interesting manuscript of historical value was presented to the Fairbanks Memorial Library recently when Dr. J. P. Worrell, an oculist of Terre Haute and one of the few of the "old school" who are still here, gave the original copies of the minutes of the first meetings for the purpose of considering action to organize a library in Terre Haute, and the first subscription list which was made, containing the signatures of 74 of the leading citizens of the date of 1879.

In early March, 1879, it was said by Dr. Worrell, a petition for the organization of a library association was circulated among the citizens, 131 persons signing it and pledging support of the movement. A meeting was called for the evening of March 15 and 74 persons gathered at the Council Chamber to organize their efforts toward establishing a library.

A question raised during the course of the meeting by the Rev. Alexander Sterett ^evoaked discussion which showed that, since 131 subscribers to the petition had been obtained and only 74 attended, it would be illegal to take any action in behalf of the subscribers as less than two thirds of the number attended. After further discussion, the meeting was adjourned and immediately reassembled as a meeting of citizens, and not as a meeting of the subscribers.

At the second meeting a board of directors, composed of the Rev. C. R. Henderson, Dr. Joseph Richardson, C. R. Peddle, H. D. Scott, Mrs. T. W. Harper, Samuel McKeen, and J. M. Allen, was elected and the citizens present pledged themselves by the signing of a subscription list to pay one dollar each toward the

organization of a library association.

The first tangible results of the activities of the public spirited citizens was the formation of the "Terre Haute Library Association", a subscription library then at 624 1/2 Wabash Avenue. Individual subscriptions enabled the purchase of a small supply of books for the second-story room which was the beginning of the present city library system.

The school trustees, acting under a law passed in 1880, levied in June 1881 a tax of two cents on each \$100 of taxable property for library purposes. May 20, 1882, the trustees purchased the property of the Terre Haute Library Association by assuming an indebtedness of \$70 and paying a nominal fee of \$1. The 1,140 volumes thus acquired formed the beginning of the Terre Haute Public Library.

The minutes of the two meetings which resulted in the formation of a library association were written by Dr. Worrell, the duties of secretary having been given him by the vote of the assembly. The record of the first meeting is as follows:

"Terre Haute, March 15, 1879.

"In response to a call made to the citizens of Terre Haute a considerable number assembled at the Council Chamber for the purpose of taking steps toward the establishment of a Public Library in the city of Terre Haute.

"On the motion of Dr. Joseph Richardson the meeting was organized by the appointment of W. G. Buff, Esquire, to the chair, and Dr. J. P. Worrell clerk. The president briefly announced the object of the meeting and declared it ready to consider any proposition. In reply to a request for information

from Rev. Alexander Sterrett, it was stated that canvassers had been out for the purpose of securing subscriptions and that 131 names had been obtained. Since 2/3's of the above number were not present as required by the statute, motion was made by Mrs. Harper that those present be enrolled and then organized, other subscribers being obtained subsequently. To this proposition various objections were made by Dr. Richardson, Rev. Mr. Sterrett, and others.

"Mr. Forster and Mr. H. D. Scott questioned the legality of a meeting called for the organization of a library to proceed in the absence of those subscribing. At this point, motion to adjourn being made and carried, the meeting adjourned.

"J. P. Worrell, Clerk."

Having thus avoided any possible technicalities which might have detracted from the efficiency of the organization, the assembly was reconvened and the business was resumed. It was recorded by Dr. Worrell as follows:

"March 15, 1879.

"At a meeting of the citizens assembled at the Council Chamber for the purpose of making arrangements for the formation of a library in the city of Terre Haute, an organization was effected by the appointment of N. G. Buff, Esquire, president, and Dr. J. P. Worrell, secretary. The president hereby declared the purpose of the meeting and announced it ready for business. there was submitted the names of 64 persons subscribed to the following preamble:

" 'We, the undersigned citizens of the city of Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana, hereby severally subscribe toward the

establishment of a public library in said city the sums set opposite our respective names, and severally promise to pay such without relief from valuation or appraisement laws to such person or persons as the board of directors of the Library Association formed upon this subscription as a basis may direct; the capital stock to be one dollar per share; there being 64 of the subscribers of the above preamble present, more than the requisite $2/3$'s as required by the statute.'

"The meeting proceeded to the election of a board of managers. Upon motion a committee on nomination consisting of Dr. Joseph Richardson, Rev. E. W. Abbey, and H. D. Scott, Esquire, was appointed. The committee reported the names of the following persons as nominees: Dr. Joseph Richardson, Dr. J. P. Worrell, Mr. F. A. Ross, Rev. C. R. Henderson, Mr. W. W. Burt, Prof. W. Wiley, Mr. R. L. Alder, Mr. C. R. Peddle, Prof. James Wilson, Mr. H. D. Scott, Mrs. T. W. Harper, Miss Eliza Warren, Mr. Samuel McKeen, Mr. J. M. Allen, Mr. J. R. Kendall, and Mr. John Wilkes.

Election by ballot resulted in the choice of Rev. C. R. Henderson, Dr. Joseph Richardson, Mr. C. R. Peddle, Hon. H. D. Scott, Mrs. T. W. Harper, Mr. Samuel McKeen, and Mr. J. M. Allen as directors. T. W. Harper offered a motion that canvassers be appointed to solicit subscriptions. Amendment offered by Dr. Worrell that the board be requested to circulate a petition for subscribers to be subsequently presented to the City Council. Amendment carried and motion as amended adopted. On motion the meeting adjourned.

"J. P. Worrell, Secretary."

On the outside of the folded minutes of the second meeting is a title, hand-written by the secretary, which reads: "Minutes of meeting in interest of Public Library held March 15, 1879."

In addition to the minutes of the two meetings presented by Dr. Worrell was another manuscript, perhaps of more interest than the others, the signed subscription list of 74 citizens, only seven of whom are living. The list contains the names of what was probably the 74 most progressive, learned, and public spirited citizens of Terre Haute. All signatures were written in ink by the persons subscribing.

The preamble to the subscription list stated:

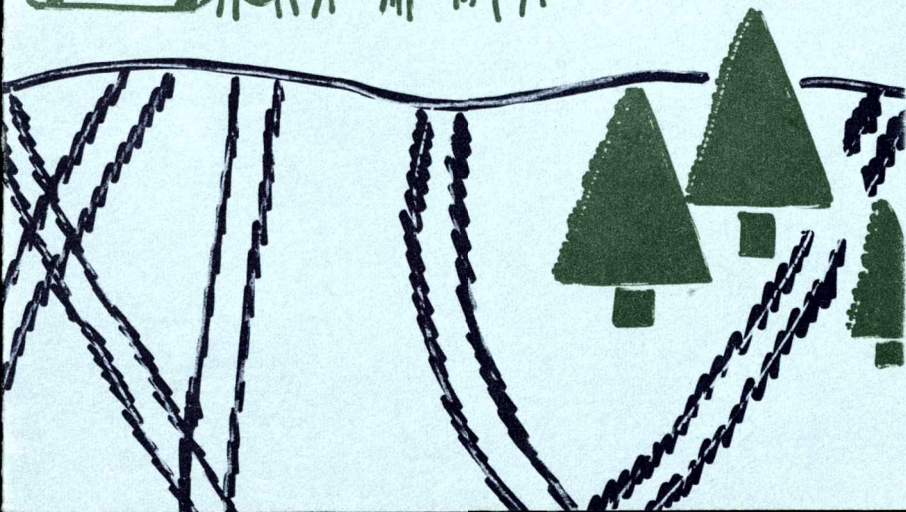
"Preamble: "We, the undersigned, agree to pay the sum of money set opposite our respective names and do voluntarily associate ourselves to organize a body corporate to be called the Terre Haute Library Association:

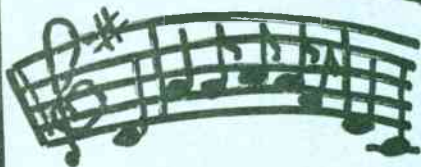
"William Eggleston, A. W. Heinley, L. B. Martin, James D. Brown, S. B. Gookins, A. M. Farnham, S. C. Richardson, W. H. Paige, J. T. Scovell, H. P. Townley, Fred A. Ross, M. Joseph, G. E. Brokaw, R. W. Rippetoe, John T. Gulick, E. M. Walmsley, R. L. Alder, J. H. Williams, John Wilkes, R. N. Hudson, C. B. Brokaw, G. F. Cookerly, Geroze S. Flood, John G. Shryer, E. F. Howe, P. E. Tuttle, C. R. Henderson, J. P. Worrell, E. L. Norcross, J. Irving Riddle, J. G. Briggs, James B. Edmunds, W. R. McKeen, P. S. Westfall, Robert S. Cox, Thomas B. Long, C. M. Warren, M. M. Dially, S. C. Beech, Noyes White, Stephen J. Young, H. S. Clift, John G. Williams, Leslie D. Thomas, Joseph Richardson, William H. Wiley, S. F. Ball, Joseph Gilbert, Seth

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Wilcox, H. D. Scott, C. R. Peddle, M. S. Durham, Herman Hulman,
W. W. Byers, Edward W. Abbey, T. H. Riddle, Moses H. Waters, R.
S. Tennant, George E. Farrington, Thomas D. Wilson, James Ross,
S. R. Henderson, Preston Hussey, J. H. O'Boyle, William Mack,
John W. Davis, M. M. Joab, L. A. Burnett, J. Erlanger, C.
Rieckert, L. Forster, Thomas E. Knox, F. C. Donaldson, I. H. C.
Royce."

The amount set opposite the names was, in each case, one dollar. This was the original financial backing of the Terre Haute Library movement, small in itself, but sufficient to enable the completion of an organization which, by virtue of its services, proved that a need for it had been existing for some time.

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THE
EMELINE FAIRBANKS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Sudden Death of Mrs. Wonner.

Last evening, shortly before seven, Mrs. Wonner died very suddenly at her home on Center street, a clot of blood in the brain being the cause.

For some time Mrs. Wonner had been subject to attacks of dizziness and vertigo, and, although she had not been feeling quite as well as usual the last few days.

She went about as usual, going to the beach on Thursday and attending a birthday supper of a friend in the evening. Yesterday she had performed her household duties and was sitting at the tea table when she spoke to her daughter, saying her head felt badly.

She arose from the table and crossing the room, sat down in a rocking chair.

Miss Wonner went immediately to a neighbor's and sent a messenger to Dr. Rowland, but when she returned her mother was unconscious and died almost immediately, without regaining consciousness. There seemed to be no pain, and her death was as she would have wished, as she had always said a quiet, sudden death seemed preferable.

Mrs. Wonner was a native of Connecticut, and was 73 years of age. Most of her life was spent in Terre Haute, Indiana, where for 20 years she was librarian of the Public Library of that place.

Her husband died many years ago.

She and her daughter, Miss Lucy, who is teacher of writing in the

schools of this city, came to Pasadena 5 years ago, where they have since resided, making hosts of friends.

N Mrs. Wonner leaves three children to mourn her loss, a daughter, Mrs. Morgan, who resides in Clinton, Indiana, and a married son, who lives in Kansas.

el The funeral will be held at the house, 307 Center street, Tuesday at 3 o'clock, Rev. Malcolm J. McLeod, of the First Presbyterian church officiating. The cremation at the crematory will be private, but all friends are invited to attend the services at the house.

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, MO:

NDAY, JULY 30, 1900.

Daily News and Los
60 cents a month.

TERRE HAUTE DAILY UNION July 17, 1858

Township Library.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Library is removed from the Union Printing Office to Farrington's Building directly opposite, first room on the 2d floor. There are a large number of books now out of the Library which must be returned immediately. From that portion of the Library in sets from 2 to 24 vols there is 169 books missing, besides a large number of single vols. This must be criminal neglect in not returning every book before the 28 days expire.

N. B. The Library is open every day from 8 to 12 o'clock, A. M., and from half past 1 to half past 3 P. M.

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tion until he went on the supreme bench in 1879. While a member of the board he acted as its secretary. From 1873 he took a helpful interest in Democratic politics and in 1876 was a member of the state central committee, and also of the executive committee, becoming a leading spirit in the conduct of the memorable presidential campaign of that year. His identification with Masonry dated from 1854, and he attained high rank in the order.

On the 7th of July, 1855, Judge Scott was married in Edgar county, Illinois, to Miss Rebecca Ellen Jones, a daughter of Richard Y. and Nancy (Cunningham) Jones, who was born in Edgar county, Illinois, November 18, 1827, and is still residing in Terre Haute. Five children are now living: Sarah, Eugenie, Charles Edgar, George Addison and Annie Gertrude, who married Kirby C. Meyers, of Brookfield, Indiana. Such in brief is the life history of one whose record was at all times commendable and worthy of emulation. Possessed of a strength of character which prompted him to earnest effort and unfaltering activity, he made for himself a position of distinction and carved his name high on the keystone of the legal arch. His professional learning, his analytical mind, the readiness with which he grasped the points in argument all combined to make him a capable jurist and the public and the profession acknowledged him the peer of many of the able lawyers of Indiana.

CHARLES E. SCOTT.—Almost every line of business finds its representatives in the enterprising and growing city of Terre Haute. Charles E. Scott, well known here as a successful architect, was born in Montezuma, Indiana, September 8, 1860, a son of the late Judge John T. Scott. He was educated in the common schools of Terre Haute and was graduated from the high school with the class of 1880. He further continued his studies and prepared for life's practical and responsible duties by attending the Rose Polytechnic Institute, of Terre Haute, from which he was graduated in 1886, pursuing the regular and mechanical engineering courses. He then made his way to the far west and in California accepted a position as an architectural draftsman with the Coronado Beach Company, at San Diego. He spent over a year there, going then to San Francisco and other coast points, working at architectural drafting. In 1892, however, he returned from the Golden state to his Terre Haute home, where he has since successfully followed his profession. His skill and ability in this direction have gained him more than local distinction and he now has a liberal patronage, while the evidences of his skill in his chosen calling are seen in many of the finest structures of the city.

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Regular Session

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Health and Charities and recommend the same to pass.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK M. BUCKINGHAM,
Comptroller.

Placed on file.

\$5,000.00 to the Incidentals of Public Health and Charities.

Respectfully submitted,
HARRY T. SCHLOSS,
ODELL WEAVER,
ALBERT EINECKE.

Placed on file.

FINANCE.

Terre Haute, Ind., May 5, 1903.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Terre Haute, Ind.:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the several petitions of the remission of taxes, have examined the same and offer the following:

Resolved, that the City Clerk issue a remittance in favor of the persons named, and for the following amounts: Sarah J. Brown, \$19.56; Mary A. Mahalek, \$41.29; Lenora Wright, \$5.30; Mrs. M. J. Rider, \$61.02; Nancy Peters, \$46.71; Mrs. Anna Ascherman, \$5.93.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY T. SCHLOSS,
ODELL WEAVER,
ALBERT EINECKE.

The report was adopted by a viva voce vote of the Council.

Terre Haute, Ind., May 5, 1903.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Terre Haute, Ind.:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the communication from the Board of Public Health requesting an appropriation of not less than \$5,000.00 to defray bills contracted for on account of small-pox have examined the same and offer the following:

Resolved, that the Comptroller submit an ordinance appropriating

Terre Haute, Ind., May 5, 1903.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Terre Haute, Ind.:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the request of the Board of Public Safety for a new Storage Battery and Repeater, have examined the same and offer the following:

Resolved, that the Comptroller submit an ordinance appropriating \$3,750.00 for the purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY T. SCHLOSS,
ODELL WEAVER,
ALBERT EINECKE.

Placed on file.

SELECT COMMITTEE.

Terre Haute, May 5, 1903.

To the Common Council of the City of Terre Haute:

Gentlemen:—The Special Committee on site and plans for the Emaline Fairbanks Memorial Library, to which the matter of site was referred with power to act at the last meeting of the Council, respectfully reports as follows:

The site at the southwest corner of Seventh and Eagle streets has been purchased and deeds and abstracts therefor deposited with the City Comptroller. We request that payment of the same, \$10,000.00, be made at as early a date as possible in order that we may go ahead and clear the ground of present buildings.

The Committee has agreement from the deed to the City the property on North E the new Fairbanks over to the School

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Noes—0.

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Incidentals of Public
Charities.

Respectfully submitted,
HARRY T. SCHLOSS,
DELL WEAVER,
ALBERT EINECKE.

Terre Haute, Ind., May 5, 1903.
The Board of Health and Common Council of
Terre Haute, Ind.:

The Committee on Finance, to
which was referred the request of the
Board of Health for a new Stor-
age Repeater, have exam-
ined and offer the following:
That the Comptroller sub-
stantiate appropriating \$3.
for the purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
HARRY T. SCHLOSS,
DELL WEAVER,
ALBERT EINECKE.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Terre Haute, May 5, 1903,
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missioner request that payment of
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early a date as possible in order that
the same be cleared and the ground
be cleared.

The Committee has also obtained
agreement from the School Board to
deed to the City the present library
property on North Eighth street when
the new Fairbanks library is turned
over to the School Board.

H. C. STEEG,
A. C. FORD,
SPENCER F. BALL.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE No. 128.

An ordinance appropriating Five
thousand dollars to the Incidentals
of Health and Charities to defray the
bills contracted for on account of
small-pox.

SECTION ONE.

Be it ordained by the Common Coun-
cil of the City of Terre Haute that the
sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,
000.00) be and the same is hereby ap-
propriated to the Incidentals of Public
Health and Charities to defray the bills
contracted for on account of small-pox.

SECTION TWO.

Whereas an emergency exists for
the immediate taking effect of this or-
dinance therefore the same shall be in
full force and effect from and after its
passage and approval by the Mayor.

The ordinance was read the first time
by title.

By unanimous consent the ordinance
was read the second time in full and by
unanimous consent and by the follow-
ing vote of the Council, to-wit:

Ayes—Blood, Briggs, Einecke, Frey,
Roach, Schloss, Schwartz, Vivkroy,
Weaver—9.

Noes—0.

The previous question was ordered

upon the engrossment and third read-
ing of said ordinance.

Upon motion and by unanimous con-
sent the said ordinance was placed
upon its passage and adopted by the
following vote of the Council:

Ayes—Blood, Briggs, Einecke, Frey,
Roach, Schloss, Schwartz, Vivkroy,
Weaver—9.

Noes—0.

GENERAL ORDINANCES.

GENERAL ORDINANCE No. 34.

An ordinance in relation to cleanliness
and public health.

SECTION ONE.

Be it ordained by the Common Coun-
cil of the City of Terre Haute, Indiana,
that it shall be unlawful for any person,
persons, firm or corporation to haul or
cause to be hauled, any manure or
other offensive matter along, over and
through the streets of the City of Terre
Haute unless such person, persons,
firm or corporation shall have his vehi-
cle in which such manure or other of-
fensive matter is to be hauled in such
condition that such manure and other
offensive matter shall not spill or drop
upon any street or alley in said City.

SECTION TWO.

It shall be unlawful for any person,
persons, firm or corporation to permit
or suffer any manure or other offen-
sive matter, tin cans or ashes to drop
from any vehicle along and upon the
streets of the City of Terre Haute.

SECTION THREE.

It shall be unlawful for any person,
persons, firm or corporation to throw
or drop upon and along the streets and
alleys of the City of Terre Haute any
glass or glass bottles, paper or any
dirt of any kind whatever.

(type d May 11, 1982 from handwritten copy from Historical Society files--first page was missing).

laid off, to reserve 10 percent of the money received from the sale of lots in a county seat for the use of a public library.

History of Sullivan county

P 300 June 1853 "the county board ordered that there be appropriated from the County treasury the sum of \$500 for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a public library in the county of Sullivan, out of the ten per cent reserved of the net proceeds of all lots within the town where the county seat is situated and ten per cent of the donations made to procure the location of the county seat of said county."

P 309. McClure gave \$300 to any organization of mechanics who would raise \$100 to buy books.

Sat Mail Sept. 3, 1870 Wabash and Erie Canal officials talk of opening "that abandoned ditch" from Terre Haute to Lafayette."

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Washington.

May 18.—A dispatch from D. Bright says of his father living

Kerr has returned visit to the South, health.

Knights of Pythias a great attraction. Next civil procession the city. The side with spectators, decorated, and the music from twelve

York City.

May 19.—A dispatch at the Pope, after yesterday, con- the enthusiasm in American car-

appointed on be- of the Grant lo- port the liabilities be \$851,000, and

napells.

May 19.—The Grand of Indiana con- communication ce in large and and officers show membership and last communica- tive lodges, 451; ng members, 21, a, \$39,658,830; ex- charity for six

cago.

The pedestrianism had made 236 half, being then end of time.

who were brought Commissioner in the charge of ment, were held each, to await Jury.

—In the three started. Don- money in three 7 1/4, 2:45, 2:40 1/2. Second money. to all, Amadis Larry Hart win- no, 1:45, 1:46 1/4,

The best terms we could make in San Francisco, for the round trip, was \$60 in gold. On account of special favors to Mr. Moss and his party, we are permitted to share without charge, in horses here and at the valley. By an excellent and well-managed railroad—the Central Pacific—we came in splendid coaches to Merced, over a hundred miles. At that place we rested over night at a first-class hotel. Taking an early start—6 o'clock A. M.—we came rapidly—almost on a run—over a plain, part of the great San Joaquin valley, seeing wheat fields of a thousand acres, and thousands of sheep, and then over a hard, stony and barren waste, to the foot hills of the Sierras, winding among them for miles before we got into the real mountains. At 12 M. we reached the little village of Maraford, 41 miles, where we got a tolerable good dinner. From there to this point, 23 miles, we had a real mountain road, with snow clad tops in sight. Our last ascent and descent to this place over the "Wahwoonah" mountains, I have alluded to.

After a good night's rest, our party this morning—consisting of writer, Ross, Murray, Fagin, Moss, wife and son, and Mrs. Radcliff, all four of Sandusky, Ohio, Mrs. Eddy and daughter, of Newark, O., Warner, of Chicago, and John Herdman, of New York City, with two guides—started on mules and the rest on Mustangs and horses, for the big trees. Our guides carried two saddle bags full of nice edibles for our picnic around a most copious cold spring of water. Our path was up, up, in single file, in places steep and winding, until we reached an altitude of nearly 3,000 feet above our hotel before we descended a few hundred feet into the presence of the monarchs of the forest. Prepared with twine, our work commenced immediately to "lasso" some of the largest of them. The twine we have not yet measured, but the accounts which have been published far and wide are not exaggerated, as we can all affirm under oath. By the aid of a ladder I mounted a monster—probably a thousand years old when it was laid prostrate by the same Almighty Power that caused it to grow—and found that two horses abreast could easily be rode a hundred feet or more on top. I paced its length, and found it fully 300 feet. On every side our eyes beheld, yet erect and growing, trees fifteen, twenty and twenty-five feet in diameter, and in places within two, three, and four feet of each other.

We found at this first grove, and at other groves, some of the largest named Anna, Mary, Frances McDonald, Ike King, Cook, Grant, Grizzly Bear, Till-

to their pleasure or comfort was neglected.

At the Terre Haute House they found neatly furnished rooms, excellent meals, attentive waiters, clean beds, and, in short, everything that was required to make their stay pleasant and agreeable. From the time the excursionists started from Logansport, on Friday morning, until their return on Saturday afternoon, nothing occurred to mar their pleasure. The officers of the L., C. & S. W. R. R. were particularly careful to anticipate and provide for every want, and the Terre Haute Sir Knights, and citizens generally, vied with each other in ministering to their comfort and happiness. We trust the day is not far distant when we may repay in kind the hospitality of our sister city.

A Public Library.

A meeting was held in the parlors of the Terre Haute House last evening by the gentlemen interested in the establishment here of a Public Library, which should at once be of use to the people and a credit to the city. A committee was appointed by the meeting to prepare and present to the public properly, the question of establishing a library. The necessity of a good library here is too palpable to the meanest comprehension to need any argument. It is to be earnestly hoped that the efforts of these gentlemen will be so seconded as to secure for Terre Haute a public library.

New Street Car Company.

An organization is being effected by prominent citizens of a new street car company. The proposed route is South on Sixth street from the Broadway to Poplar street; thence West on Poplar street to Sixteenth, where the terminus will be temporarily placed, returning over the same line.

Building permits were issued yesterday at the Board of Public Works by Jacob Mayhew, for a one-story frame building to be the Board's subdivision for \$125.

Herman Appian, addition to dwelling on North Third street, for \$100.

and numbers of prominent pill peddlers from Terre Haute are in the city attending the medical meeting.—[Ind. Sentinel.]

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[NOTE—Perhaps no community institution has the opportunity to serve citizens with greater equality than does the public library. Terre Haute is fortunate in having one of the finest library systems in Indiana. The Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library, located just off the main business district on North Seventh Street, was the gift to this city of the late Crawford Fairbanks, erected in honor of his mother.—Editor.]

BY MABEL M'KEE.

Of The Terre Haute Star.

MAIN traveled roads in Terre Haute lead to the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library and its branches. No matter whether the weather be sultry and hot or bitterly cold with snow flurries in the air, thousands of persons daily cross the threshold of these buildings.

Back of these patrons of the Terre Haute libraries are stories. Some of them frankly told the reporter theirs. They said, "We read the best of magazines in the reading rooms of the library as well as get the best of books from its shelves to carry to our homes to read. Without them we would be robbed of this pleasure and means of education, for books and magazines are luxuries in our budgets."

Others say frankly that they read in the reading rooms of the libraries because they get such pleasant surroundings and because they like the well-lighted rooms. And still others—many of them—depend upon the librarians to aid them secure the material they want to study or read.

The Emeline Fairbanks Library is really a great asset to the appearance of the city. During the past year many improvements have been made to bring out its great beauty. The building was given a thorough cleaning inside and out.

The outside of the building was scrubbed, bringing out the beauty of the stone of which it is built. Inside all the walls were redecorated, its dome cleaned and its woodwork polished.

All Open to Public.

Every nook, every room of the Fairbanks Library is open to the public. This includes the stack rooms, on which there are 108,825 volumes, all of them in the finest condition. Some of these, first editions, are almost beyond estimation. Others are rare art treasures and still others are books written by Terre Haute authors.

Besides the reading rooms for adults and children the Fairbanks Memorial Library contains a special reference room, a genealogical room, offices, mending room, a public document room, a clubroom and several storage rooms.

In the public document room are found stacks of newspapers. There is at least one copy of every edition of all of Terre Haute's newspapers. These carry back through the years days when some of the paper on which the news was printed was brought on canal boats into the little town of Terre Haute.

To the public document room visitors come daily, all seeking information about events and persons of the past. If it is family histories or special information about some well known Terre Hautean, then of long ago or today they are seeking they are taken to the genealogical room where files are filled with information about families of Terre Haute.

Here, too, are volumes telling the story of Terre Haute through the various wars and giving the biographies of its soldiers.

On every Saturday afternoon the clubroom of the library is filled with children who attend the story hour held there. On other occasions they meet there. These include the Historical Society, the Poetry clubs and other organizations which study art appreciation or some form of literature.

Rare Volumes Included.

Special cases for rare volumes are located in the stackroom at the library. There is the Americana case and the case for art books as well as cases for rare editions. Great care of these valuable books is taken so that they can be used not only of the years that follow.

Among the library's many treasures are the many valuable pictures on its walls. Pictures by Higgins, Steele, Eaton, Bundy and local artists are exhibited. There are also historical pictures—a rare one of old Fort Harrison—and the early paintings of Gookins. A statue by Janet Scudder, Terre Haute sculptress, also holds an honor place.

An introduction to the librarians shows visitors that many of them are well known in civic circles as well as by the city's readers. Some have written articles and stories or various publications. Others are prominent in the work of the Literary League of Terre Haute, the A. R., the Altrusa and other clubs.

At the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library is Miss Florence Crawford, head librarian, under whose direction the genealogical room at the library was established. Miss Crawford, too, is responsible for the exhibits of special books which are staged on special occasions at the library and for a score of other innovations and improvements there.

Capable Staff.

Her assistants here are the Misses Grace Davis, Mary Anderson, Hazel Bungard, Beulah Eaton, Mildred Valentine, Hilda Bledsoe, Lillian Brooks, Dossie Smith and

Librarians in charge of the branches are Miss Helen Bungard at Garfield High School; Miss Elizabeth Ross, Wiley; Mrs. Naomi Crawford and Miss Lena Valentine, Gerstmeyer; Miss Minnie McKee, Deming; Miss Ruth Adamson, Sarah Scott; Miss Mary Phillips, McLean; Miss Madge Townsley, Woodrow Wilson and Miss Clementine Dorsey, Montrose and Greenwood.

Many of the branch librarians have been in charge of their reading centers for many years. Though

libraries are located in public school buildings they are open to adult readers after school hours. To the branch library reading tables each evening come scores of older men and women to read the books and periodicals there.

A visit to a branch library has its own rewards. On the walls of these, as at the main Fairbanks Library, are attractive pictures. Often the bulletin board and the few places on the wall not covered with book cases are hung with pictures. The librarian explains them: "We're having an art exhibit this week. These are Currier and Ives prints. The readers like them very much."

Neighborhood Service.

A small boy comes into the library. He interrupts with "Please, Miss Library Teacher, my mom wants a book. You know what kind she likes."

The librarian, who is as well acquainted with the reading tastes of the community as she is with those of the school children, immediately finds a suitable book for the mother, stamps the reader's card and the little boy is on his way again.

Besides the many thousands of books loaned out by the librarians at the branches last year, there were 411,319 readers among the city's eight branch libraries. These readers were the men, women and children who came to sit at the reading tables of these rooms and read the newspapers, magazines and reference books there.

There is no way of counting the number of readers at the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library. Among them are students of the city's three colleges, as well as business men and women, young boys and girls and workers of all kinds.

Fiction Still Leads.

The annual report for 1940 shows a total circulation of 411,319 for the year. This was divided as follows: Adult fiction, 158,817; adult non-fiction, 88,006; juvenile fiction, 95,814, and juvenile nonfiction, 68,682.

Though it's not considered on the list of branch school libraries, there is another branch library at the Union Hospital. Like the branches at the grade schools, it is operated one day each week. Regular librarians from Fairbanks go to these branches to loan books to the little children at the schools

and the sick people in the hospital.

At the hospital a book cart is wheeled from room to room so that the convalescents can select their own volumes.

Miss Crawford, the library head, told the reporter of some of the

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1941 projects already planned by the library. She said: "We are now collecting county histories. We hope to secure histories of every county in the state of Indiana to have here for reference work of our readers."

Gifts Received.

She also talked about the gifts made by Terre Haute people to the library. "Some families have given their entire libraries to us," she said. "In this way we get many rare volumes we could not afford to buy."

She said of the patrons of the library: "We are always glad to have more readers. Each year we add many new readers to our list." Her eyes twinkled. "We also add many new books. In 1940 we added 3,958."

Really, it is small wonder that so many Terre Haute children fairly haunt the children's reading rooms at the "big library," as they term the Emeline Fairbanks Library, for every holiday and every season carries its own decorations here. February will be flag month there as observance is made of the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln. And arranged on tables and low shelves will be all the children's books the library holds about these two great Americans.

Landscaping Program.

In Winter there are colorful patterns of snow flakes on the windows of the children's room. In Summer these windows are thrown wide open so that the children can enjoy the flower boxes which are always among the beauty spots of the city.

Work of landscaping the grounds of the library in keeping with those of State College is now underway.

The library building was presented to the city by the late Crawford Fairbanks as a memorial to his mother, Emeline Fairbanks. Beautifully constructed of the finest materials which could be secured, it is indeed a fitting tribute. The building was finished in 1906 and all of the books removed to it from the old library.

There were then only about a half dozen librarians. In the thirty-four years since the number, like the circulation, has doubled itself several times.

The librarians have a special

creed. It is: Not merely to hand out to people books for which they ask, but to encourage them—and especially the children—to select the best for reading. It is to teach them to discern between good books and bad ones; to create a desire for reading for information as well as pleasure and to make books their companions and friends they'll truly value and love through all their years.

EDITOR'S NOTE...

(During the years prior to the July 4, 1976 celebration of the American Bicentennial, the Staff Bulletin has been running, and will continue as possible, to print relevant historical material that relates to the library. Obviously, the material will not relate to the American Revolution; but the celebration of that event should serve to rekindle an interest in, and awareness of, the importance of understanding all historical background.

THE EMELINE FAIRBANKS MEMORIAL LIBRARY BUILDING, 1906 - -

By
Ed Howard

About the turn of the century, some 70 years ago, a library building was planned. It had nearly 18,000 square feet, large for its time, with more space than was required for the 19,000 books, 8 employees, and one telephone (# Citizens 2029), which the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library had on opening day in 1906.

However, in 1921--15 years later--the capacity of 70,000 books was reached and it became necessary to add a mezzanine floor. The total square feet was then 18,480--which is the same square footage today, 68 years later.

Because of the farsightedness of those decision-makers of 70 years ago, this building has endured and has withstood the tremendous expansion of knowledge as reflected in new communication media and learning methods, new formats, and highly specialized equipment. For three score and ten years this building has lived its library life and now must be retired to other, less rigorous uses.

Three score and ten years ago, the library's materials were limited to hardcover books, magazines, newspapers, stereopticons, statu-

ary, mounted pictures, and gallery art. Today, the library's materials encompass 18 formats (forms of information) and 16 different kinds of equipment for these formats, with a total of 512,735 items housed in the present main building (as of December, 1973).

In terms of hardcover books only, the increase in this form of recorded information in the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library is shown as follows: 1906 - 19,000, 1921 - 70,000, 1972 - 136,000, 1973 - 138,010. And this library building now accommodates more than 60 employees and 20 telephones.

FROM THE "AFFAIRS OF STATE" (Staff Newsletter of the Indiana State Library) July, 1974

Almost everyone is familiar with the common yellow dandelion, but how many realize that an ounce of this plant green contains 7,000 units of Vitamin A. It was considered a delicacy by the Apache Indians, whose foraging parties would often spend days roaming the countryside in search of this so-called "weed."



In an effort to display her business proficiency in running the home the little woman submitted to hubby a detailed account of expenses for the month. Asked to explain an entry marked, ESP-\$26.98, she replied, "ESP means, error some place."

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Library Director. . . E. N. Howard

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Bldg - \$50,000
lot - \$10,000

MEETING ROOM USE

REQUEST FORM

Date of request _____

Name of group _____

Name of contact person _____
address _____ phone _____

Date Wanted _____

Time wanted, *begin at* _____ *end at* _____

Number of people expected _____

Need A-V equipment _____ yes _____ no
What kind _____

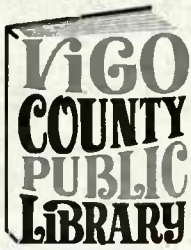
Will use service kitchenette _____ yes _____ no

Is Tour of Library desired? _____ yes _____ No

(Note: if answer to above is "yes" be sure to fill out
Tour Form and turn in with *this* form)

Need janitorial help in setting up room — yes — no
if "yes" fill out Janitor Request form - turn in with this form
INFORMATION ABOUT USE OF MEETING ROOMS

L. No



NEWS RELEASE

DRUG INFORMATION CENTER ESTABLISHED BY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The establishment of a center for drug information by the Vigo County Public Library has been announced by Ed Howard, Library Director.

Focusing on the problem of drug misuse and abuse, the center is designed to assist local groups and organizations in the planning and implementation of educational programs.

The loan of films, slides, cassette tapes, equipment, display items, and printed materials will be arranged according to the particular needs of each group. In addition to providing information, equipment and program planning assistance, a file on local resource persons and the activities of other organizations is maintained.

The center is headed by Mrs. Genevieve Reisner, and is located in the Group Services Office in the basement of the Emeline Fairbanks Library at 222 N. 7th Street.

Reference and information service of a general nature on drugs and related topics will continue to be provided by the librarians on duty at the reference desk on the main floor of the library.

As a resident of any of these three counties you now have the facilities of these public libraries open to you:

KNOX COUNTY:

Bicknell Public Library, Bicknell, Indiana.
Vincennes Public Library, Vincennes, Indiana.

SULLIVAN COUNTY:

Sullivan Public Library, Sullivan, Indiana.

VIGO COUNTY:

Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library, Terre Haute, Indiana.

This cooperative program is part of Indiana's public library development under the Federal Library Services Act. Its purpose is to provide better and broader library service from existing libraries and to bring library service to your unserved rural area. All townships in Knox and Vigo Counties are participating in this demonstration. In Sullivan County: Fairbanks, Jackson, Jefferson, Curry, and Turman townships are in the demonstration. Haddon, Cass and Gill townships are not affected, nor are the towns of Carlisle, Dugger, Farmersburg and Merom.

You may use any participating library, the bookmobiles now serving Vigo County, or the demonstration bookmobile serving Knox and Sullivan Counties.

In order to borrow materials from a cooperating library, you must first secure a courtesy card from the library in your immediate area.

This project, under the direction of the Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, will give free library service for two and a half years. At the end of the demonstration period residents of the previously unserved areas will be given the opportunity to decide if they wish to continue library service by establishing a library tax to support public library service in their area.

The banding together of these four library systems (Bicknell, Vincennes, Sullivan and Terre Haute) makes over 200,000 books and other library materials available to you. For further information contact any of the librarians of the Bicknell, Vincennes, Sullivan or Terre Haute libraries.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO READ AND WATCH YOUR WORLD GROW!

BICKNELL PUBLIC LIBRARY, Bicknell, Ind.

Hours: Wed. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 12 noon;
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Miss Edith Burton, Librarian

VINCENNES PUBLIC LIBRARY, Vincennes, Ind.

Hours: Mon. - Thur. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Fri. - Sat. 1:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Telephone: TU 2-6007

Miss Maxine Batman, Librarian

SULLIVAN PUBLIC LIBRARY, Sullivan, Ind.

Hours: Mon. - Sat. 12 noon - 8 p.m.
Telephone: 264

Miss Wilma Snavelly, Librarian

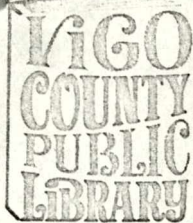
**FAIRBANKS-VIGO COUNTY LIBRARY,
Terre Haute, Ind.**

Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Telephone: Crawford 5041

Mr. Stillman Taylor, Librarian

Emeline Fairbanks Mem. Library

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NEWS RELEASE

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Vigo County Public Library
VCPL LOCAL HISTORY REQUEST
Prepared by
Frances Boyd, Head
Public Services Dept.
232-5041

Sent to: All news media

Release: Immediately

Vigo County Public Library would like the help of local citizens in answering a request from the Lilly Library at Wabash College.

Miss Elizabeth Ross, Local History Librarian, has been asked to participate in the collection of new names to be included in a new edition of INDIANA AUTHORS AND THEIR BOOKS, 1816 to 1916, compiled by R.E. Banta. She would like persons who know of local authors to call or write to her at the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library with this information.

Indiana State University is submitting a list of people connected with the University, so those "local author" names should not be sent in to Miss Ross.

The Lilly Library at Wabash College, which has received a federal grant to up-date the original Indiana Author's book, defines an Indiana author as: anyone born in Indiana; anyone reared and educated in Indiana; anyone whose literary work began during residence in Indiana and who was obviously influenced by Indiana residence; and anyone who chose Indiana as a place in which to spend a major portion of

his life.

Authors of the following types of publications are not to be included: periodical articles and reprints of articles; theses or dissertations; reports of commission, committees, etc. of which the author was a member (unless he was the major contributor and wrote most of the report); chapters or parts of books (books with co-authors will be included) and bibliographies.

The information needed about authors includes: names, where born, date of birth and death and how long the person has lived in Indiana; a complete list of all publications for each person, including title, place of publication and date; and a short biography of the writer, or citation to a biography in some published volume or both.

Miss Ross asks that she be contacted at the Local History Room of the main library before the last week in December.

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Release sent to:

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Margaret Banker
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L. Sawyer
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Library Files

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ROBERT SCHADE

Robert Schade (1861-1912) one of the German trained School of Milwaukee artists employed in the production of the great panorama paintings. Schade was born in New York in 1861 and moved to Milwaukee in 1863 with his parents. In 1876 he began studies at the School of the Art Association (a forerunner of the Layton School of Art). He studied, primarily under Henry Vianden and in 1878 went to Munich, Germany, for three and a half years. While in Munich he studied under Alexander Strachuber Julius Benczier and Alexander Wagner. He then returned to Milwaukee and set up his studio, returning to Germany every two or three years for a year's study. For many years he was an important figure in the art world of Milwaukee.

Portraits of Henry and Emeline Fairbanks in Local History room painted by Robert Schade.

About Censorship at Fairbanks Library

Mrs. Hughes says some Modern
Novelists Are a Vexation, But
She has no Fast Rule.

Anna Bowles Wiley.

The number of books circulating in the reader's world this last year and which carry accentuated sex explanation or discussion, or possibly deal with a problematical situation which involves the triangle have called down upon the heads of their authors considerable exclamation and hub-bub.

Just to satisfy a question as to whether some of the "popular" literature, which has come under the ban of disapproval, was included in the hundreds and hundreds of books which are circulated each month, The Tribune made inquiries of Mrs. Sallie Hughes, librarian, experienced in catering to the reading public for many years.

Mrs. Hughes replied that in no way does a librarian act as censor the the adult reader. "However, we do censor pretty carefully books for the uninformed youth and in so far as possible do we exclude any books of a questionable nature and authorship."

"We read the book reviews, and we carefully note what others say regarding a new book of fiction. The name of the author has something to do with our selection and where we know an author is given to stressing sex in his books we bar that author's books."

"If we are in doubt of a book, upon which the critics have been more or less vague, some one of my assistants or myself read the book and determine for ourselves. However, it would be next to impossible to censor the hundreds of books circulated here in this library."

"We circulated 52,041 books last month alone. No library can select only high types of literature, the public library caters to the masses and it is not every mind and taste which is educated to the higher class.

Plan of Experts.

"Just as Mary U. Rothrock, librarian of the Lawson, McGhee library, Knoxville, Tenn., who is an authority, told in her talk at the state librarian's meeting at West Baden this year. "We grant the library's responsibility toward its immature readers, whose individual standards of judgement are not yet formed and who are therefore peculiarly susceptible to influences, both good and bad, and we also grant that there are some certain books beyond the pale, because they are written, published and sold for purely commercial purposes and are designed to appeal to the baser instincts. These we dispose of easily for we detect and reject promptly.

T. H. Libraries

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"In the case of novels written by reputable authors, published by respectable publishers and often printed in high class magazines, and sold by established dealers, it is both futile and unwarranted for a public library to undertake an ex-post facto censorship to the extent of refusing to provide them for the use of maturity and discretion and the theory advanced that a librarian should act as a censor implies that there are certain fixed standards by which the morality or immorality of a book can be determined.

"The Black Oxen", by Gertrude Atherton, was allowed in the library, and to me it was obnoxious, but it could not be called immoral. For example.

"We know that Mencken writes with a free pen, we know that Hergesheimer deals with sex problems, as does Theodore Dreiser. We have never catered to Elinor Glyn's stuff like her "Three Weeks". There are any number of authors whose books we do not for an instant consider in our selection.

"Occasionally we have allowed some book that was a bit beyond the standard to creep in through mistake, but it is not often and we remedy such mistakes as soon as we can.

Moral Standards.

"Just as Miss Rothrock said, the morality or the immorality of a book depends upon what the reader brings to it and of that alone can he be the judge, just as those who contemplate the nude figure a true artist will see the symmetry, curve and coloring, the athlete the proportion and muscular development, the biologist the relation of the human organs to the corresponding parts of the lower forms of life.

"It would be impossible to judge accurately all books which come into the library and even if it were possible for the librarian staff, a book committee or paid expert to exercise the function of a censorship effectively and consistently, it would be contrary to the principles of a democratic community. It would involve a certain form of library dictatorship over what we boast is the most democratic institution of American life.

"In all libraries, I say there are some of the so-called objectionable books which have slipped in "when our backs were turned," but these books when discovered are kept on restricted shelves. We are as careful as is humanly possible. We are more often accused of autocracy in our selection of books than laxness", states Mrs. Hughes laughingly.

The Fairbanks Library is replete with splendid reading matter and the numbers of books which might be termed objectionable, according to those who use the library frequently are very few and their objectionable features depend entirely upon the individual who reads them."

Vigo County Public Library
HISTORICAL MAP OF VIGO COUNTY
Prepared by
Frances Boyd, Head
Public Services Dept.
232-5041

Sent to: Ned Bush
T.H. TRIBUNE

Release: When possible

A new historical map of Vigo County has been presented to the Vigo County Public Library, according to Miss Elizabeth Ross, Local History Librarian.

The pen and ink drawing is the original work of John Jackson, Seelyville, who gave the map to the library in appreciation of the research done for him by Miss Ross. Many of the historical sites pictured on the map were drawn by Jackson from pictures in Local History files.

The 23 x 21 map shows Vigo County Boundaries and features as they were when the county was established in 1818. Surrounding the map are sketches of historical sites such as Markle's Mill, Irishman's Bridge, Fort Harrison, Old Court House, and the Old Fairgrounds. In addition, a number of historical old homes are included in the drawings, which are keyed so they can be located on the map.

COPY

Jackson, a hospital administration major at Indiana State University, drew and produced the map as a money-making project. He had already sold packets of drawings of light houses, shrimp boat scenes and houses of historical interest which he had made for the historical society in Ocracoke, North Carolina. Miss Ross says that Jackson is also beginning a series of scenes of Vigo County like the Dresser House and the Court House, and may plan to enter into a "funding agency" for historical societies.

The historical map will be framed and hung in the Local History Room of the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library.

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Archives - 604

709 1/2 Wabash Public library in
Terre Haute 1882 started by school trustees.
5 other offices were listed at 709 1/2
Wabash at the same time

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TERRE HAUTE, IND.

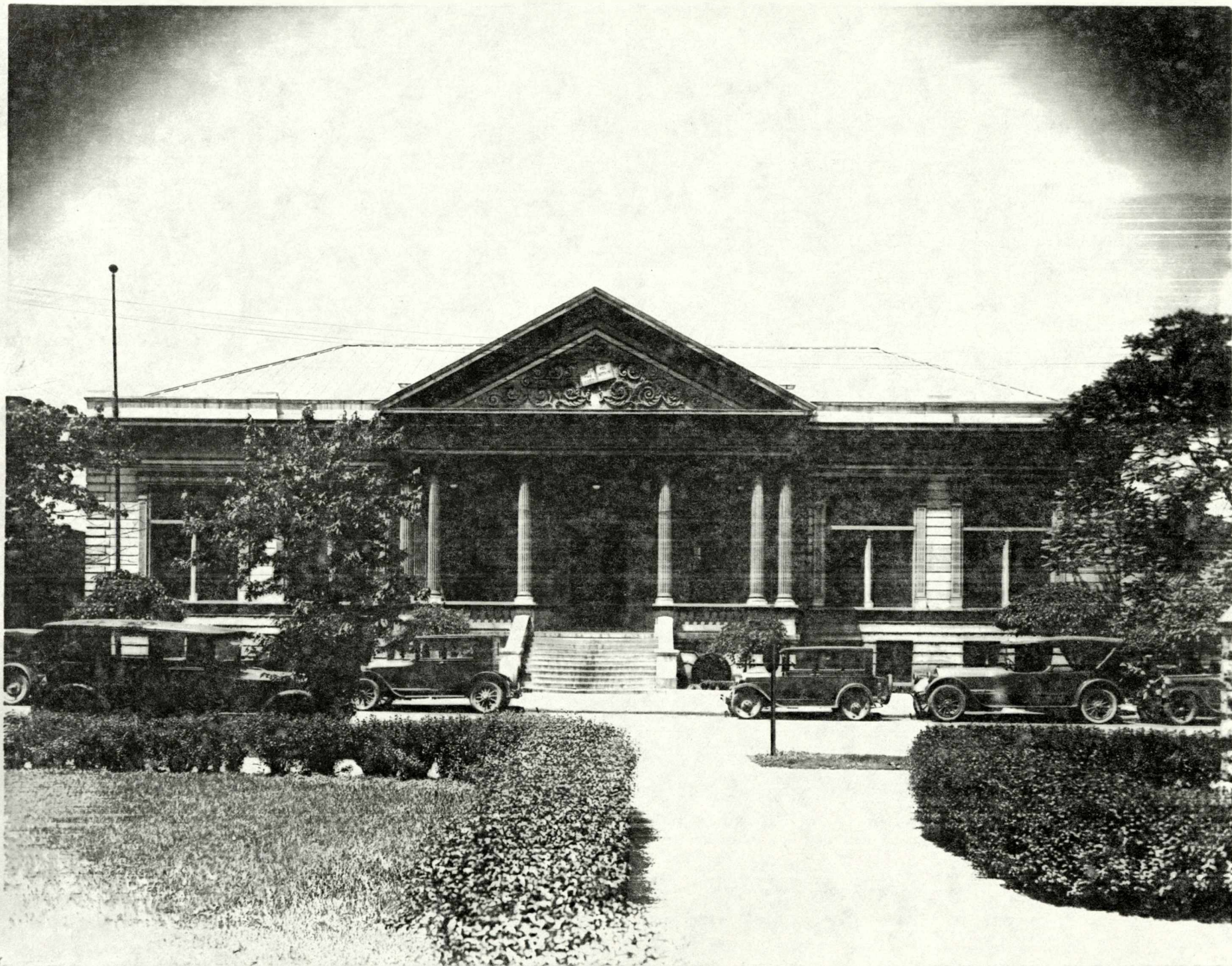
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Archives - 6A4

709 $\frac{1}{2}$ Wabash after remodeling about 1960

LIBRARIES - T.H. VCPL



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LIBRARY
HISTORY

July 23, 1962

Mr. Thomas Patrick,
Attorney
402 Star Building
Terre Haute, Indiana

Dear Mr. Patrick:

Enclosed is the materials from the Journal
of the Common Council of the City of Terre Haute
which we have copied out for you.

Thanks for taking care of this. I suppose
the only solution is to try to get the Civil
City to sell the land to the School Board.

Sincerely yours,

Stillman K. Taylor,
Head Librarian

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Vigo County Public Library

INDIANA ROOM

PAMPHLET FILE

CITY OF TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL - Page 617

Regular Session, February 3, 1903

The Mayor suggested that the communication from Mr. Crawford Fairbanks offering to donate to the City of Terre Haute a library should take precedence of all other business, and accordingly the following was read.

To the Honorable Mayor and the Common Council of the City of Terre Haute, Ind.:

I hereby propose to donate and give to the City of Terre Haute a public library building complete, without cost or expense to said city, upon the following terms and conditions, viz:

1st. Such building shall be erected upon a suitable site, to be furnished by the city, and its location to be subject to the approval of the committee hereinafter referred to.

2nd. The City of Terre Haute shall obligate itself to perpetually maintain such library.

3d. Such library shall be named and perpetually known as "Emaline Fairbanks Memorial Library".

4th. This offer shall be accepted within thirty days and the actual construction of such library shall be commenced not later than July 1, 1903.

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5th. The plans and specifications for such building shall be subject to the approval of, and the construction thereof shall be under the direction of a committee of citizens of the City of Terre Haute, to consist of four members, to be selected by the Mayor, and the Mayor shall be ex-officio a member thereof.

6th. The actual cost of such building shall be \$50,000.

7th. The contract for the construction of such building shall be made by and in the name of the undersigned and in such manner as to guarantee the freedom of the City of Terre Haute from any expense or liability for the cost thereof, and payment for the same shall be made by the undersigned as the work progresses, upon estimates of the architect in charge of the same, and upon the approval of the said committee herein referred to.

Respectfully submitted,

C. FAIRBANKS,

Terre Haute, Ind., February 2, 1903.

Mr. Schloss moved the proposition to be accepted and a vote of thanks be tendered Mr. Fairbanks. The motion was carried by a standing vote of the Council.

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Special Session, February 6, 1903

The Mayor appointed the following gentlemen to constitute the building committee of the Emaline Fairbanks Memorial Library: Col. W. H. Fairbanks, Captain A. C. Ford and Spencer F. Ball.

COMMUNICATIONS

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Terre Haute:

I herewith propose to give and convey to the City of Terre Haute the ninety-five (95) feet of ground owned by me, fronting on Ohio street, immediately west of the new Congregational church building and extending back to the alley, on the sole condition that the same shall be used as the permanent site for the proposed public library building tendered the city by Mr. Fairbanks, and that this tender shall be accepted within sixty (60) days from this date. This February 6th, A. D., 1903.

Respectfully submitted,

DEMAS DEMING

Mr. Schloss moved that it be referred to the Building Committee of the Emaline Fairbanks Memorial Library and the Mayor in addition appoint a committee of three to confer with the Building Committee, and a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. Demas Deming.

The motion was adopted by a viva voce vote of the Council.

April 6, 1903.

Hon. Henry C. Steeg, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, and
Committee on Fairbanks Memorial Library Site:--

I am authorized to offer to you, for \$21,000.00 cash, the following site for a Library Building, to-wit: The lot situated on the southwest corner of Seventh and Ohio streets, having a frontage of 100 feet on Ohio street and with a depth of 141 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet, subject to the taxes payable in May next and the taxes thereafter due and payable against said lot.

If this offer is not accepted within ten (10) days, I reserve the right to withdraw it.

B. V. MARSHALL,
Agent.

Referred to the Library committee and Special Committee named by the Council. Mr. Schloss moved the Committee be empowered to act. The motion carried by a viva voce vote of the Council.

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Regular Session, April 7, 1903

COMMUNICATIONS

Terre Haute, Ind., April 4, 1903.

To the Hon. Mayor and Common Council of the City of Terre Haute,

Gentlemen:--I hereby extend the limit of time on my proposition to give to the City a lot on Ohio street on which to erect proposed Fairbanks Memorial Library, to July 1st, 1903.

Very respectfully,

DEMAS DEMING.

Referred to the Park Site Committee composed of the following councilmen: Schloss, Vickroy and Einecke.

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Regular Session, May 5, 1903.

SELECT COMMITTEE.

Terre Haute, May 5, 1903.

To the Common Council of the City of Terre Haute:

Gentlemen:--The Special Committee on site and plans for the Emaline Fairbanks Memorial Library, to which the matter of site was referred with power to act at the last meeting of the Council, respectfully reports as follows:

The site at the southwest corner of Seventh and Eagle streets has been purchased and deeds and abstracts therefor deposited with the city Comptroller. We request that payment of the same, \$10,000.00, be made at as early a date as possible in order that we may go ahead and clear the ground of present building.

The Committee has also obtained agreement from the School Board to deed to the City the present library property on North Eighth street when the new Fairbanks library is turned over to the School Board.

H. C. STEEG,
A. C. FORD,
SPENCER F. BALL.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

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Regular Session July 7, 1903

GENERAL ORDINANCES

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 37.

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Comptroller to borrow the sum of \$10,000.00 for the City of Terre Haute and to execute the promissory note of said City therefor. Said money to be used for the purpose of purchasing a site for the Emeline Fairbanks Library.

SECTION ONE.

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Terre Haute, Indiana, that the Mayor and Comptroller of said City are hereby authorized and directed to borrow the sum of \$10,000.00 for one year and to execute the promissory note of the City of Terre Haute for the said sum with 5 per cent, interest from the date thereof until paid. Said note to be negotiable and due one year after date.

The said sum of \$10,000.00 to be used in paying for a site for the Emeline Fairbanks Library.

SECTION TWO.

Whereas an emergency exists for the immediate taking effect of this ordinance, the same shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

The ordinance was read the first time by title.

By unanimous consent the ordinance was read a second time in full, and by unanimous consent and by the following vote of the Council, to wit:

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Ayes--Blood, Briggs, Einecks, Frey, Roach, Schloss,
Schwartz, Weaver--8.

Noes--0.

The previous question was ordered upon the engrossment and third reading of said ordinance.

Upon motion and by unanimous consent the said ordinance was placed upon its passage and adopted by the following vote of the Council:

Ayes--Blood, Briggs, Einecks, Frey, Roach, Schloss,
Schwart, Weaver--8.

Noes--0.

CITY OF TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

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Special Session, July 23, 1906

SPECIAL ORDINANCES

Special Ordinance No. 81

An Ordinance Accepting the proposition of the School City of Terre Haute, Indiana, to maintain in the "Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library" Building, located at the Southwest corner of Seventh and Eagle Streets in said City, a free public library, which proposition is in the words and figures as follows, to-wit:

"To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of Terre Haute, Indiana:

Gentlemen:--The Board of Trustees of the School City of Terre Haute, Indiana, acting for and in behalf of said School City, does hereby make the following proposition relative to the "Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library" building, located at the Southwest corner of Seventh and Eagle streets in said City, that is to say: If the proper officers of the Civil City of Terre Haute, Indiana, will turn over the possession and custody of said building to said School City and make agreement, with the consent of Crawford Fairbanks, that said School City shall retain the possession and custody of said building so long as said School City shall maintain a library in said building said Board proposes for said School City to maintain in said building, perpetually or so long as said building is in existence, a free public library in connection with the common schools of said City, which shall be open to the use of all citizens of said City upon the same terms, and to keep said building and the fixtures belonging to

Proceedings of the Common Council - page 1687, 1688, continued:

Special Ordinance No. 81, continued:

said Civil City insured in the name of said Civil City, in the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), in one or more reliable insurance companies to be designated by the officers of the School City, and to pay other expenses incidental to the maintenance thereof, and keep the same in repair, except repairs or rebuilding made necessary on account of fire, lightning or tornado; and the School City is to have the right, if its officers desire, to maintain their office and the office of its School Superintendent in said building, also to permit the meetings of literary societies in the basement thereof, and other societies of similar nature and in line of educational work.

THE SCHOOL CITY OF TERRE HAUTE,

By ADOLPH NEUKOM, President,
O. G. DERRY, Treasurer,
T. M. KEHOE, Secretary,
Its Trustees.

Signed July 23, 1906.

SECTION ONE.

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Terre Haute, Indiana, that the proposition of the School City of Terre Haute, Indiana, set forth in the title of this ordinance, be and the same is hereby accepted and agreed to, and the Mayor and Board of Public Works of said City are hereby requested and authorized to enter into a written agreement embracing and containing the provisions and stipulations of said proposition, provided, however, that there shall be endorsed on said written agreement, the written consent of Crawford Fairbanks, consenting to the provisions and stipulations of said agreement.

Special Ordinance No. 81, continued:

SECTION TWO.

After the execution of said written agreement, the proper officer of the said City of Terre Haute, Indiana, shall turn over to the said School City of Terre Haute, the possession and custody of said building and shall not interfere with such possession and custody so long as said School City maintains a free library therein according to the term of said agreement.

SECTION THREE.

An emergency exists for the immediate taking effect of this ordinance and the same shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

The ordinance was read the first time by title.

By unanimous consent the ordinance was read the second time in full and by unanimous consent and by the following vote of the Council, to-wit:

Ayes--Allen, Cowan, Dudley, Mehegan, Nattkemper, Neukom, Teitge,
— Valentine, Weeks.

Ayes--9.

Noes--0.

The previous question was ordered upon the engrossment and a third reading of said ordinance.

Upon motion and by unanimous consent the said ordinance was placed upon its passage and adopted by the following vote of the Council:

Ayes--Allen, Cowan, Dudley, Mehegan, Nattkemper, Neukom, Teitge,
— Valentine, Weeks.

Ayes--9.

Noes--0.

CITY OF TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

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Regular Session, December 1, 1903.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
(OFFICE OF THE MAYOR)

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 1, 1903.

To the Members of the Common Council.

Gentlemen:--I would request an appropriation of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) with which to buy ten (10) additional feet adjoining the lot upon which the Emaline Fairbanks Memorial Library will be built.

The library committee having deemed it a wise move to secure ten (10) additional feet in order that no other building can be erected within ten (10) feet of the library building.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. STEEG, Mayor.

Referred to Finance Committee.

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of Terre Haute, Indiana:

Gentlemen:--The Board of Trustees of the School City of Terre Haute, Indiana, acting for and in behalf of said School City, does hereby make the following proposition relative to the "Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library" building, located at the southwest corner of Seventh and Eagle streets in said City, that is to say: If the proper officers of the Civil City of Terre Haute, Indiana, will turn over the possession and custody of said building to said School City and make agreement, with the consent of Crawford Fairbanks, that said School City shall retain the possession and custody of said building so long as said School City shall maintain a library in said building, said Board proposes for said School City to maintain in said building, perpetually, or so long as said building is in existence, a free public library in connection with the common schools of said City, which shall be open to the use of all citizens of said City upon the same terms, and to keep said building and the fixtures belonging to said Civil City insured in the name of said Civil City, in the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), in one or more reliable insurance companies to be designated by the officers of the School City, and to pay other expenses incidental to the maintenance thereof, and keep the same in repair, except repairs or rebuilding made necessary on account of fire, lightning or tornado; and the School City is to have the right, if its officers desire, to maintain their office and the office of its School Superintendent in said building, also to permit the meetings of literary societies in the basement thereof, and other societies of similar nature and in line of educational work.

THE SCHOOL CITY OF TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA
By ADOLPH NEUKOM, President,
O. G. DERRY, Treasurer,
T. M. KEHOE, Secretary,
Its Trustees

Signed July 23, 1906. ~~Placed on file~~

The
GENERAL ORDINANCES
of the
CITY OF TERRE HAUTE

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LIBRARIES.

AN ORDINANCE accepting the proposed donation of Crawford Fairbanks of a public library building, and matters connected therewith, and declaring an emergency.

(Adopted February 3, 1903.)

PREAMBLE. Whereas, Crawford Fairbanks has made a proposition in writing to donate to the city of Terre Haute a public library building, which proposition is in the words and figures following, to-wit: To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of Terre Haute, Indiana:

635 TERMS OF OFFER. I hereby propose to donate and give to the City of Terre Haute a public library building complete, without cost or expense to said city, upon the following terms and conditions, viz.:

FIRST. Such building shall be erected upon a suitable site, to be furnished by the city, and its location to be subject to the approval of the committee hereinafter referred to.

SECOND. The City of Terre Haute shall obligate itself to perpetually maintain such library.

THIRD. Such library shall be named and perpetually known as "Emaline Fairbanks Memorial Library."

FOURTH. This offer shall be accepted within thirty days and the actual construction of such library shall be commenced not later than July 1, 1903.

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FIFTH. The plans and specifications for such building shall be subject to the approval of and the construction thereof shall be under the direction of a committee of citizens of the City of Terre Haute, to consist of four members, to be selected by the Mayor, and the Mayor shall be ex-officio a member thereof.

SIXTH. The actual cost of such building shall be \$50,000.00.

SEVENTH. The contract for the construction of such building shall be made by and in the name of the undersigned and in such manner as to guarantee the freedom of the City of Terre Haute from any expense or liability for the cost thereof, and payment for the same shall be made by the undersigned as the work progresses, upon estimates of the architect in charge of the same, and upon the approval of the said committee herein referred to.

Respectfully submitted,

C. FAIRBANKS.

Terre Haute, Indiana, February 2, 1903.

And Whereas, It is deemed proper and to the great benefit of said city that such donation should be accepted.

Therefore, Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Terre Haute:

636 LIBRARY ACCEPTED. L. 1. That the proposition of Crawford Fairbanks to donate to the City of Terre Haute a public library building, set forth in the preamble hereto, be and the same is hereby accepted.

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Page 134, 135, continued:

637 CONDITION OF GIFT RATIFIED. 2. All the conditions and terms accompanying said donation in the said written proposition are hereby agreed to, and the Common Council of the said city, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, hereby agree to and does hereby bind the said city to carry out the same.

638 MAYOR AUTHORIZED TO APPOINT COMMITTEE. 3. The Mayor of the said city is hereby authorized to appoint the committee referred to in said proposition, and to take all other necessary steps, in the name and behalf of said city, to carry out the conditions and terms accompanying said proposition.

639 EMERGENCY. 4. An emergency existing for the immediate taking effect of this ordinance, the same shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

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MR. FAIRBANKS'

OFFER TO THE CITY

COMMUNICATION FILED TODAY
CONTAINING HIS OFFER
FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY.

CONDITIONS OF THE SAME

Must be Accepted Within Thirty
Days and Work Begun by
July 1, 1903.

WITH A COMMITTEE OF FOUR

The Library Shall be Known as
the "Emaline Fairbanks Me-
morial Library"

The following communication was filed
today with Mayor Steeg by Mr. John T.
Crawford, representing Mr. Crawford
Fairbanks. It will be presented to the
city council tomorrow night:

To the Honorable the Mayor and the
Common Council of the City of Terre
Haute, Indiana:

I hereby propose to donate and give to
the city of Terre Haute a public library
building complete, without cost or ex-



CRAWFORD FAIRBANKS, who makes
the splendid offer to the city of Terre
Haute to build a fine public library as
a memorial to his mother.

pose to said city upon the following
terms and conditions, viz:

1-Such building shall be erected upon
a suitable site to be furnished by the
city, and its location to be subject to the
approval of the committee hereinafter
referred to.

2-The city of Terre Haute shall obli-
gate itself to perpetually maintain such
library.

3-Such library shall be named and per-
petually known as "Emaline Fairbanks
Memorial Library."

4-This offer shall be accepted within
thirty days and the actual construction
of such library shall be commenced not
later than July 1st, 1903.

5-The plans and specifications for such
building shall be subject to the approval
of, and the construction thereof, shall be
under the direction of a committee of

citizens of the city of Terre Haute, to
consist of four members to be selected by
the Mayor, and the Mayor shall be ex-
officio a member thereof.

6-The actual cost of such building
shall be \$50,000.

7-The contract for the construction of
such building shall be made by and in
the name of the undersigned and in such
manner as to guarantee the freedom of
the city of Terre Haute from any ex-
pense or liability for the cost thereof and
payment for the same shall be made by
the undersigned as the work progresses,
upon estimates of the architect in
charge of the same, and upon the ap-
proval of the said committee herein re-
ferred to.

Respectfully submitted,
CRAWFORD FAIRBANKS.

February 2, 1903.

JOHN D. BELL LEAVES SOON FOR CALIFORNIA

The Last Trip He made was Over-
land During the Gold Excitement
in 1849. 1903

John D. Bell, ex-deputy county aud-
itor, will leave for Placerville, Califor-
nia, the early part of next week and
may decide to locate there, although as
to that he is not determined. Events
there will determine his course. He
will meet an old friend at Kansas
City and together they will go west.

Mr. Bell made the trip to California
overland from Terre Haute during
the gold excitement of 1849 and was in
California from 1850 to 1852. He
made the entire trip in a wagon. He
has never been back to California
since then.

THE FAIRBANKS' LIBRARY.

Terre Haute, Feb. 4.—(Editor Ga-
zette.)—The prompt and grateful ac-
ceptance by the Council of Mr.
Crawford Fairbanks' generous gift of
a beautiful library building was a mat-
ter of course.

It is something to which Terre
Haute has looked forward for many
years. The building will be an archi-
tectural ornament to the city. The
books it houses will prove a most val-
uable adjunct to education and gen-
eral culture; and the noble example
thus set by Mr. Fairbanks will, no
doubt, inspire others to do something
for Terre Haute.

THEIR DEAR NAMES.

New York Evening Sun

"So you're married and have three dear
little girls! What have you named
them?"

"Well, one's Ruby."

"Yes."

"And one's Pearl."

"Yes, and the third's name?"

"Anthraxite."

HE FOLLOWED INSTRUCTIONS.

London Telegraph

Doctor—Well, Mrs. Dodge, has your
husband followed my instructions and
eaten plenty of animal food?

Mrs. Dodge—Well, doctor, I hardly
know. You see, it's like this: 'E got on
all right with the turnips and o's, an'
'e et a bit o' barley, but when it come
to the 'ay I could not mak' 'im tackle
it.

DEMAS DEMING MAKES AN OFFER

OFFERS TO DONATE 95 FEET
ON OHIO STREET FOR THE
FAIRBANKS LIBRARY.

AN INTERVIEW WITH HIM

The Ground is Just West of the
New Congregational Church

July 27th on Ohio, 1903

Mr. Demas Deming has offered to do-
nate to the city of Terre Haute 95 feet of
ground on the north side of Ohio street
between Sixth and Seventh as a site for
the Fairbanks public library.

The ground, which is well known, ad-
joins the new First Congregational
church on the west. It is part of the
ground that Mr. Deming originally offer-
ed the city several years ago for a library
to be donated by him to the city.

The ground, as already stated, has a
frontage of 95 feet on Ohio street and
runs back about 142 feet, being estimated
to be worth about \$12,000.

Mr. Deming was asked this afternoon
by a Gazette writer if it was true he had
made the offer, to which he replied:

"Yes, it is true that I have offered to
donate to the city of Terre Haute this
ground as a site for the Fairbanks' me-
morial library."

It is understood that Mr. Deming's of-
fer is a verbal one as yet, but that it will
soon be presented to the Mayor and coun-
cil as a formal tender.

WENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

June 16th 1878

From the Gazette of Wednesday, Feb.
6, 1878.

Wm. P. Ijams and Miss Sallie War-
ren united in marriage at St. Stephen's
Episcopal church at 12 o'clock. The
church was filled to its utmost capac-
ity, a great many standing up in the
rear aisles. The ceremony was per-
formed by Rev. S. A. Dolham. Messrs.
George Jenckes, Frank McKeen, Will
Tuell and Will Cruft served as ushers.

Seventy-five judgments by default
taken before Judge Patterson in the
Circuit court.

Lawrence Heintz to John G. Heintz,
undivided half of outlot 16, Dwy's ad-
dition; also part of outlot 124 Ross' ad-
dition, also a tract in section 30, Lost
Creek township for \$13,000.

The Dr. Ezra Reed will case settled
by compromise, the children getting
their share of the estate.

History of Library Dates From Group Move in 1880

BY MABEL M'KEE.

It's a far cry from a small group of public spirited women of Terre Haute who one day back in 1880 organized a subscription library for the city to the thousands of people of the city who last year borrowed a total of 410,639 books at the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library of Terre Haute.

But the road which leads from that day to the present time has been an ever broadening one for the people of Terre Haute who like to read. For year by year the service of the library has grown, broadening in every phase.

The library moved from a small building to a larger one and then into its own beautiful home on North Seventh Street. Branch libraries have been established at the different city schools. And a library has been established at Union Hospital, one of the first hospital libraries in the entire country.

The public spirited ladies of sixty years ago decided to call their organization the Terre Haute Library Association.

In June in 1881, before the association was yet a year old, the city school trustees, in keeping with a new state law, levied a tax of 2 cents on each \$100 worth of taxable property in the city for the establishment of a city library.

But it wasn't until May 20, 1882, that the school city took another step toward establishing this library. At that time they purchased the property of the Terre Haute Library Association for a small sum of money. This consisted of 1,140 volumes, the beginning of the Terre Haute Public Library, which several years later became the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library, at the present time with a total of 106,334 volumes, some of which are of the greatest value.

Librarian Elected.

The Terre Haute Public Library was established at 624½ Wabash Avenue, a room above a place of business. Mrs. Lucy C. Wenner was elected librarian by the board.

In November, 1894, the board of trustees elected Mrs. Sallie C. Hughes assistant librarian. Since Mrs. Hughes remained with the library close to forty years, this election was a most important one.

A few years after she joined the library staff, Mrs. Hughes was named its head. She remained in that position until her death in 1927, playing a great role in its growth and increasing its popularity with the readers of Terre Haute.

In 1896 the board of school trustees purchased the old Universal Church Building at 119 North Eighth Street. It was a large roomy building and easy to remodel so that there was a large reading room and also well equipped stack rooms.

As time passed the number of books increased and in the same measure the growth in the number of readers. It was while the library was housed in the old church building that students from the high school and State Normal School, now the State Teachers College, began to make great use of it for reference work.

Fairbanks Gift.

In 1903 the late Crawford Fairbanks signified his desire to give the city a library building, this to be a memorial to his mother, Emeline Fairbanks. The site at Seventh and Eagle streets was purchased and the beautiful, commodious building now there was erected. It was completed in 1906 and on Saturday, Aug. 11, of that year the new building was thrown open to the public.

On that day thousands of visitors thronged through the building, visiting the reading rooms, the reference department and its stacks.

Shortly after it was moved into its new home the library began to be the recipient of valuable and attractive gifts. Some of these were rare books of other countries—some first editions, others valuable histories, records and documents of all kinds. Several rare paintings were presented to the library and now hang in the different rooms of it.

The gifts also included pieces of statuary.

On March 4 Miss Florence Crawford was elected head of the library. She was already a member of the staff and had done much in helping establish branch libraries at the different city school buildings.

Her motto about branch libraries was to take the books to the children instead of making it necessary for far away school children to come to the library to do required reading and reference work.

Branch Libraries.

At first these branch libraries were kept open just one day a week at the different schools. But soon the circulations at them were so big they justified establishing full time branches at the junior and senior high schools.

The branch library, established by Miss Crawford at Union Hospital in 1925, was one of the first opened in the country and has been taken as a pattern by many other cities in establishing library stations at their hospitals.

Story hours are observed weekly at the Fairbanks Memorial Library as well as at the different branches. In addition story hours have often been held in the different city parks, a librarian having charge of this work.

The library has for many years observed the birthdays of famous authors, especially those of Indiana. These observances have brought to the institution many famous visitors. Narcus Dickey came to the library for a special Riley hour. Another visitor was the Irish poet,

All gifts to the library are carefully preserved and all readers who ask to use these are always told the history of them so that they recognize their value and are the more careful in their use.

The late Harry Montagnier was a great benefactor to the library, presenting it with valuable volumes he himself had collected.

Wiley Records.

The pictures and records of the late William H. Wiley, who for many years was superintendent of the city schools, were presented to the library following his death by Mrs. Wiley. All of these records were bound and are proving to be most useful to Terre Haute citizens. Among them is a history of the Terre Haute schools, which was compiled by Mr. Wiley himself.

The library now has its own genealogy room in which are priceless volumes. These alone tell the history of Terre Haute and the people who played a great role in its making. Diaries of early pioneers, records of Vigo County's soldiers in both the Civil and World War and historical old letters have been copied from the originals and bound to be preserved for use of patrons and visitors to the library.

Miss Crawford is proud of the fact that the circulation of the Emeline Fairbanks Library and its branches last year neared the 500,000 mark. In addition to this it is estimated that a total of half this number of daily readers made use of the magazines, books and refer-

ence in the reading rooms at the "main library" and branches.

The circulation for the year as divided among these as follows:

Deming branch, 43,054; Garfield High School, 19,400; Gerstmeier High School, 21,034; Greenwood, 14,851; Lange, 15,786; McLean, 24,593; Montrose, 26,252; Sarah Scott, 32,602; Union Hospital, 4,955; Wiley, 13,366; Woodrow Wilson, 16,556; Station, 2,238; Davis Park, 7,390; Rea, 15,196, and the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library itself, 153,586.

The library staff is composed of well trained, efficient librarians, all of whom have given the most loyal help in not only caring for the library circulation and reading rooms, but in preserving the collections of books and all other gifts left to the institution.

During the past year the exterior of the library has been completely washed. This, with the work of landscaping done around it, has added to its attractiveness, which draws to it each year as visitors, hundreds of tourists who pass through the city.

REFERENCE
DO NOT CIRCULATE

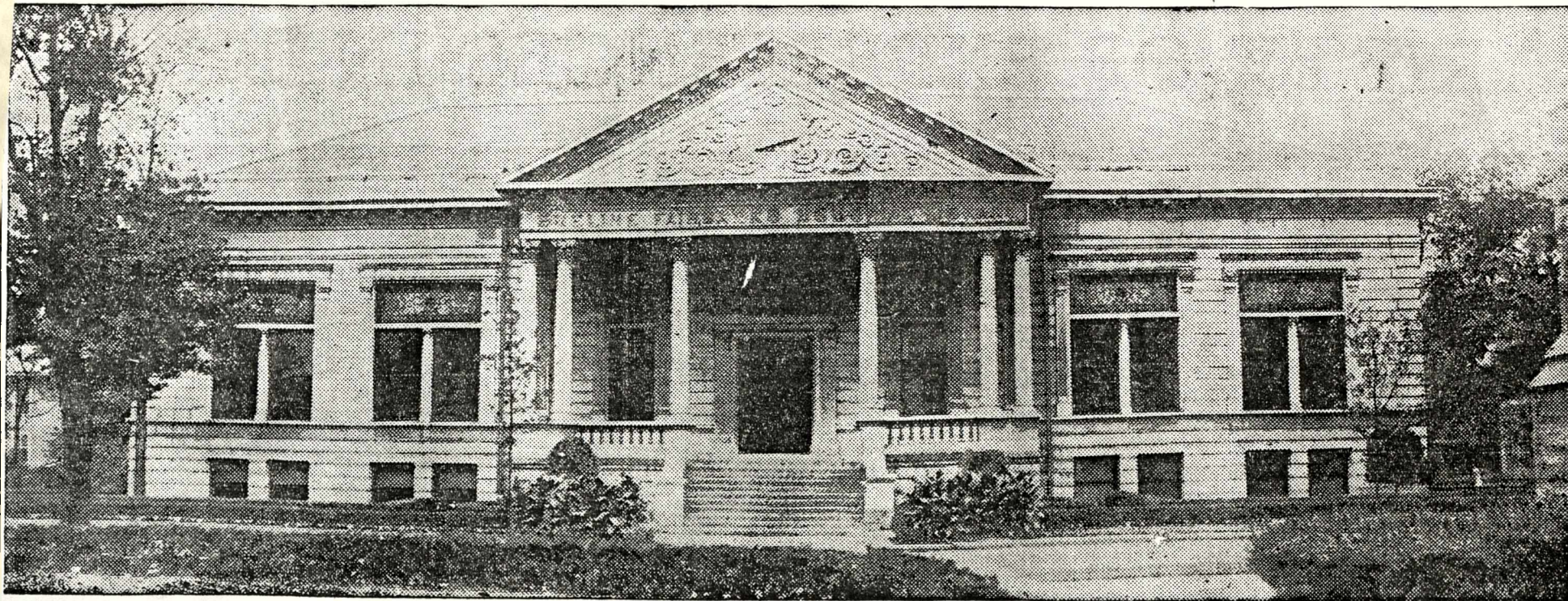
Community Affairs File

VIGO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

REVIEW EDITION, TERRE HAUTE, IND., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1940.

FAIRBANKS MEMORIAL LIBRARY, GIFT TO TERRE HAUTE OF LATE CRAWFORD FAIRBANKS



Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library at Seventh and Eagle streets, Terre Haute, erected as a memorial to the mother of the city's late benefactor.

REFERENCE
DO NOT CIRCULATE

Community Affairs File

VIGO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

In Fair or Stormy Weather, Readers Beat Path to Library

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DO NOT CIRCULATE
REFERENCE

REVIEW EDITION, TERRE HAUTE, IND., WEDNESDAY, JAN

STORY HOUR AT EMELINE FAIRBANKS LIBRARY



—Photo by Martin.

"Once upon a time—" Children at the story hour held weekly at the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library never tire of the stories which begin with the enchanting phrase. This group may be hearing the tried-and-true story of Cinderella or perhaps the adventures of the animals in the Burton stories.

VIGO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

[NOTE—Perhaps no community institution has the opportunity to serve citizens with greater equality than does the public library. Terre Haute is fortunate in having one of the finest library systems in Indiana. The Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library, located just off the main business district on North Seventh Street, was the gift to this city of the late Crawford Fairbanks, erected in honor of his mother.—Editor.]

BY MABEL M'KEE.

Of The Terre Haute Star.

MAIN traveled roads in Terre Haute lead to the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library and its branches. No matter whether the weather be sultry and hot or bitterly cold with snow flurries in the air, thousands of persons daily cross the threshold of these buildings.

Back of these patrons of the Terre Haute libraries are stories. Some of them frankly told the reporter theirs. They said, "We read the best of magazines in the reading rooms of the library as well as get the best of books from its shelves to carry to our homes to read. Without them we would be robbed of this pleasure and means of education, for books and magazines are luxuries in our budgets."

Others say frankly that they read in the reading rooms of the libraries because they get such pleasant surroundings and because they like the well-lighted rooms. And still others—many of them—depend upon the librarians to aid them secure the material they want to study or read.

The Emeline Fairbanks Library is really a great asset to the appearance of the city. During the past year many improvements have been made to bring out its great beauty. The building was given a thorough cleaning inside and out.

The outside of the building was scrubbed, bringing out the beauty of the stone of which it is built.

Inside all the walls were redecorated, its dome cleaned and its woodwork polished.

All Open to Public.

Every nook, every room of the Fairbanks Library is open to the public. This includes the stack rooms, on which there are 108,825 volumes, all of them in the finest condition. Some of these, first editions, are almost beyond estimate value. Others are rare art treasures and still others are books written by Terre Haute authors.

Besides the reading rooms for adults and children the Fairbanks Memorial Library contains a special reference room, a genealogical room, offices, mending room, a public document room, a clubroom and several storage rooms.

In the public document room are bound stacks of newspapers. There is at least one copy of every edition of all of Terre Haute's newspapers. These carry back through the years to days when some of the paper on which the news was printed was brought on canal boats into the then little town of Terre Haute.

To the public document room visitors come daily, all seeking information about events and persons of the past. If it is family histories or special information about some well known Terre Hautean, either of long ago or today they are seeking they are taken to the genealogical room where files are filled with information about families of Terre Haute.

Here, too, are volumes telling the history of Terre Haute through the various wars and giving the biographies of its soldiers.

On every Saturday afternoon the clubroom of the library is filled with children who attend the story hour held there. On other occasions clubs meet there. These include the Historical Society, the Poet Study clubs and other organizations which study art appreciation or some form of literature.

Rare Volumes Included.

Special cases for rare volumes are located in the stackroom at the library. There is the Americana case and the case for art books as well as cases for rare editions. Great care of these valuable books is taken so that they can be used not those of the years that follow.

Among the library's many treasures are the many valuable pictures on its walls. Pictures by Higgins,

Steele, Eaton, Bundy and local artists are exhibited. There are also historical pictures—a rare one of old Fort Harrison—and the early paintings of Gookins. A statue by Janet Scudder, Terre Haute sculptress, also holds an honor place.

An introduction to the librarians shows visitors that many of them are well known in civic circles as well as by the city's readers. Some have written articles and stories for various publications. Others are prominent in the work of the Story League of Terre Haute, the D. A. R., the Altrusa and other clubs.

At the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library is Miss Florence Crawford, head librarian, under whose direction the genealogical room at the library was established. Miss Crawford, too, is responsible for the exhibits of special books which are staged on special occasions at the library and for a score of other innovations and improvements there.

Capable Staff.

Her assistants here are the Misses Grace Davis, Mary Anderson, Hazel Bungard, Beulah Eaton, Mildred Valentine, Hilda Bledsoe, Lillian Brooks, Dossie Smith and Mmes. Faye Strong and Cora Glover.

Librarians in charge of the branches are Miss Helen Bungard at Garfield High School; Miss Elizabeth Ross, Wiley; Mrs. Naomi Crawford and Miss Lena Valentine, Gerstmeier; Miss Minnie McKee, Deming; Miss Ruth Adamson, Sarah Scott; Miss Mary Phillips, McLean; Miss Madge Townsley, Woodrow Wilson and Miss Clementine Dorsey, Montrose and Greenwood.

Many of the branch librarians have been in charge of their reading centers for many years. Though libraries are located in public school buildings they are open to adult readers after school hours. To the branch library reading tables each evening come scores of older men and women to read the books and periodicals there.

A visit to a branch library has its own rewards. On the walls of these, as at the main Fairbanks Library, are attractive pictures. Often the bulletin board and the few places on the wall not covered with book cases are hung with pictures. The librarian explains them: "We're having an art exhibit this week. These are Currier and Ives prints. The readers like them very much."

Neighborhood Service.

A small boy comes into the library. He interrupts with "Please, Miss Library Teacher, my mom wants a book. You know what kind she likes."

The librarian, who is as well acquainted with the reading tastes of the community as she is with those of the school children, immediately finds a suitable book for the mother, stamps the reader's card and the little boy is on his way again.

Besides the many thousands of books loaned out by the librarians at the branches last year, there were 411,319 readers among the city's eight branch libraries. These readers were the men, women and children who came to sit at the reading tables of these rooms and read the newspapers, magazines and reference books there.

There is no way of counting the number of readers at the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library. Among them are students of the city's three colleges, as well as business men and women, young boys and girls and workers of all kinds.

Fiction Still Leads.

The annual report for 1940 shows a total circulation of 411,319 for the year. This was divided as follows: Adult fiction, 158,817; adult non-fiction, 88,006; juvenile fiction, 95,814, and juvenile nonfiction, 68,682.

Though it's not considered on the list of branch school libraries, there is another branch library at the Union Hospital. Like the branches at the grade schools, it is operated one day each week. Regular librarians from Fairbanks go to these branches to loan books to the little children at the schools

and the sick people in the hospital.

At the hospital a book cart is wheeled from room to room so that the convalescents can select their own volumes.

Miss Crawford, the library head, told the reporter of some of the 1941 projects already planned by the library. She said: "We are now collecting county histories. We hope to secure histories of every county in the state of Indiana to have here for reference work of our readers."

Gifts Received.

She also talked about the gifts made by Terre Haute people to the library. "Some families have given their entire libraries to us," she said. "In this way we get many rare volumes we could not afford to buy."

She said of the patrons of the library: "We are always glad to have more readers. Each year we add many new readers to our list." Her eyes twinkled. "We also add many new books. In 1940 we added 3,968."

Really, it is small wonder that so many Terre Haute children fairly haunt the children's reading rooms at the "big library," as they term the Emeline Fairbanks Library, for every holiday and every season carries its own decorations here. February will be flag month there as observance is made of the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln. And arranged on tables and low shelves will be all the children's books the library holds about these two great Americans.

Landscaping Program.

In Winter there are colorful patterns of snow flakes on the windows of the children's room. In Summer these windows are thrown wide open so that the children can enjoy the flower boxes which are always among the beauty spots of the city.

Work of landscaping the grounds of the library in keeping with those of State College is now underway.

The library building was presented to the city by the late Crawford Fairbanks as a memorial to his mother, Emeline Fairbanks. Beautifully constructed of the finest materials which could be secured, it is indeed a fitting tribute. The building was finished in 1906 and all of the books removed to it from the old library.

There were then only about a half dozen librarians. In the thirty-four years since the number, like the circulation, has doubled itself several times.

The librarians have a special

creed. It is: Not merely to hand out to people books for which they ask, but to encourage them—and especially the children—to select the best for reading. It is to teach them to discern between good books and bad ones; to create a desire for reading for information as well as pleasure and to make books their companions and friends they'll truly value and love through all their years.

Library Work Receives Okay

Trick-May 28-1957

Plans for the expenditure of \$325 to tuckpoint the front steps, stone porch, fire walls and two flues of the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library were approved Monday at a meeting of the board of library trustees. The work is to be done by Don Watson.

Approval was also granted Stillman K. Taylor, librarian, for requesting bids for the tiling of floors in the downstairs meeting room